

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2013,

**RE: Proposed legislation HB 6645 An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying For Terminally Ill Patients**

Dear Legislator,

“In God we Trust” ... how can this align with committing suicide, or assisting a terminally ill patient to commit murder on themselves?

I myself have a terminal illness. Although it may not be on a list of so called “terminal illnesses”, I have had to face death. I will die. I had a heart attack two years ago, at 28 years of age. The doctors could not find a cause. But I did not die then. The medical staff at St-Francis Hospital took very good care of me. What for? To help extend my life as long as possible. Isn't that what all hospitals are for, indeed the whole medical practice?

God gives life, and it is for God to take it away. Why is our country so great? Because “In God we trust”!

Do you believe it? What year are we in? 2013. What does that mean? 2013 years since when? Since time began? No. Think about it. 2013 years since Jesus Christ came to the earth He created, becoming a Man, coming into the very condition that He Himself created, *“who, subsisting in the form of God, did not esteem it an object of rapine to be on an equality with God; but emptied Himself, taking a bondman's form, taking His place in the likeness of men; and having been found in figure as a Man, humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of the Cross”* (Phillipians 2 v 6 - 8)

So death therefore is something to which mankind must become obedient to. We do what we can to preserve life as long as we can, and rightly so. But taking life into our own hands is not being obedient to death; it is an act of my own self-will, my own desire!

The Scripture quoted above goes on, Phillipians 2 v 9 - 11: *“Wherefore also God highly exalted Him, and granted Him a name, that which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of heavenly and earthly and infernal beings, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to God the Father's glory”*

You and I will eventually become subject to Jesus Christ God's Son if we have not already, and will confess Him as Lord, meaning that we acknowledge His mastery over ourselves. *“He that believes on the Son has life eternal, and he that is not subject to the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides upon him.”* (John 3 v 36). If we are not subject to Him now, we will be brought into subjection to Him, as is clearly described in Revelation 20 v 11-15: *“And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled, and place was not found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is that of life. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged each according to their works: and death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, even the lake of fire. And if any one was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.”*

We are not our own (1 Corinthians 6 v 19). Therefore my life is not in my hands, and is not mine to take, just as much as your life is not mine to take. And it is the responsibility of government – including yourself – to maintain the laws of the land in line with our founding principles... “In God we Trust”.

It is with deep concern that I write this letter, pained by seeing moral decline in our own great nation, as we become more and more like the suppressive regimes that don't respect life. But we do it all in the name of Democracy!

Sincerely,



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