

HB 6645

Dear Committee Members,

As a physician practicing in long term care facilities in CT, I am daily reminded of the sanctity and dignity of life of the elderly and infirm. Many of my patients would be eligible for PAS if the law were passed in CT. These patients are a never-ending source of love and joy to those who care for them and to their families.

To think that in a time of depression or physical pain a poor decision could be made and their life ended through the action of a physician prescribing a lethal dose of medicine is tragic. The world needs to love these patients and to be loved by these patients.

I have much personal and professional experience in this area, having cared for many "candidates" for PAS in my 30 year career. I think of the man dying of AIDS who arrived in my ED and saw the priest after 40 years away from the Church and then peacefully passed on.

I think of my own Father who was written off as useless and dying who lived 5 more years, a good life, active and seeing his great-grandchildren!

Please protect us all as a good government does.

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