

HB 6645

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Marjory Knecht and I live in Forestville, CT.

It is very disturbing to me, that the Connecticut Legislature is considering HB6645 Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients.

Is it compassion.... to prescribe life-ending medication for someone who may be facing imminent death, without referring them to a counselor to talk to them with understanding and reassurance that everything will be done to make them as comfortable as possible for the time they have left? In essence, this would replace hospice care, correct?

Is it compassion... to allow someone who may be facing imminent death to ingest life-ending medication alone?

What kind of a message is that sending.....that your life is worthless now that you are no longer productive.....

This bill should be renamed to An Act Concerning Killing Terminally Ill Patients, Particularly the Elderly, - a group especially vulnerable in legislation of this kind. The potential for abuse in this bill is mind-boggling.

Please vote NO on this bill.