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My name is Meg McDermott and I am speaking on behalf of the disability community, as well as the Developmental Disabilities Council. Please do not support bill number 6645: An Act Concerning Physician Assisted Suicide. I oppose this bill and live in Unionville, Connecticut at 14 Bliss Road. The phone number for comment you can reach me is [860-404-2584](tel:860-404-2584).

Individuals with verbal, mental or physical disabilities should not have death forced upon them by doctors or family members. We all should be advised by a lawyer to have documentation written before our death that states refusal of treatment and all final desires because most people can make a choice regarding how their life ends. A person who does not have the ability to make decisions themselves should have someone assigned in writing to do so before their death. The use of these measures would eliminate the need for Physician Assisted Suicide.

Everyone can make choices with support. What we choose to do can be decided early, so again, we all ask that you not support Physician Assisted Suicide. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Meg McDermott