



## ST. GEORGE CHURCH

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I am urging members of the Public Health Committee to vote "No" on HB 6645. We are called by our creator to protect the dignity of human life not simply dispose of it at the discretion of our own desires or that of another. The dignity of human life comes from our Creator and we are subject to His natural law. To end life artificially goes against natural law and does not result in a "dignified death". To take life is not ours to choose in any circumstance including abortion and the death penalty. Life is a gift and we must allow the natural law to determine our time of death. Medication to help relieve pain and suffering is certainly a justified means, but relieving suffering by means that cause death is not the mark of a civilized society. We, as a society, are better than what this bill offers. We are capable of creating end of life comfort for the elderly and sick through science and technology. Simply ending life at will undermines our capacity to advance in end of life care. It is the easy way out, but not the moral or virtuous way. Please vote no on this bill and stop our great state from becoming a place where life has lost its dignity.

Sincerely

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