

HB 6645

Testimony of Margaret Tusla, RN Trumbull, CT

I believe that life is a gift, not to be snuffed out with doctor prescribed lethal drugs. Based on my forty(plus) years of nursing experience, I know that terminally ill patients can have a peaceful end to their lives if the appropriate measures are taken. This requires a skilled hospice team, consisting of doctor, nurse, clergy and a psychiatrist or counsellor working together to keep the patient comfortable in body and in spirit. Issues of pain, loneliness and depression can all be effectively addressed, allowing the dying patient to enjoy a few more days, weeks or even months of precious time with loved ones.

For this reason, I urge you to strike down HB 6645.

Sincerely,

Margaret Tusla RN

