

Legislative Testimony

Public Health Committee

H.B. No 5326 - An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients March 17, 2014

Ann Marie Gibney

Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Ann Marie Gibney and I am a senior at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed bill H.B. No 5326 - An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients.

It goes against the fifth commandment which includes, you shall not kill. Eligibility is based on a six-month life expectancy. But doctors agree these estimates are often wrong. Individuals outlive their prognoses by months or even years. HB 5326 will lead people to give up on treatment and lose good years of their lives. The supposed safeguards are hallow. And nothing in HB 5326 will protect patients when there are pressures, whether financial or emotional, which distort patient choice.

Thank you for your time and concern.

Ann Marie Gibney

73 Buell St New Britain, Ct 06051

[amgibney28@gmail.com](mailto:amgibney28@gmail.com)