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Dear Distinguished Chairpersons & Members of The Public Health Committee,

This proposed legislation is very controversial and there are no indications or proofs that this Act, if passed into law, will be for public benefit as a whole. You may be trying to help distressed individuals and who wouldn't want to be helpful to such persons. However, there is another way.

This legislation sets a very bad precedent. It puts the entire medical community at odds with its mission. I was a medic and served in a combat zone during the Viet Nam war era and was taught to save life. Doctors take an oath to do no harm and now you are directing them to break that oath. Aren't there enough compassionate care measures in current practice already (family care, hospice, DNR directives, etc.) that can be utilized without resorting to such a desperate extreme measure?

On another note, in this proposal, an adult is defined "as a person 18 years or older" A person currently is not legally allowed to drink alcoholic beverages unless they are 21 years or older, but if this proposal becomes law, we will allow an 18 year old person to end his/her life if terminally ill? Is this how we want to teach our younger generation to regard life?

This legislation may be well intended, but you are asking me to compromise every right ethical and moral teaching I have ever had. This legislation is the result of the human mind going beyond the bounds of human nature. Since when do we have the right to terminate human life, under any conditions? What will be next? Where do we go from here?

Our great nation has been formed on Christian principles by our founding fathers. As a God fearing person, I still read the Holy Scriptures and the book of genesis chapter 2, verse 7 says, "And Jehovah Elohim formed Man, dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Man became a living soul."

Dear members of this committee. We have all been given a living soul, even those of you who may not believe the Holy Scriptures. What will happen to a persons soul who proceed to terminate their own life under this proposal? What will happen to your own soul if you approve this proposed bill? I respectfully suggest we need to think this through and consider what the end result will be.

I do not support this proposed legislation and respectfully ask you not to move this bill forward. Thank you for your indulgence and valuable time.

Respectfully submitted,
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