

Ms Gerranta, Ms Johnson and members of the Committee:

I am a resident of Danbury. I am offering testimony on H.B. 5236.

While I am not surprised a bill to legalize Compassionate Aid has been proposed in Connecticut, I am saddened and must speak against this Bill.

Human life is far too precious to permit the kind of killing this Bill would allow. Our world already has too much disregard for life: wars, torture, slavery and violence of all kinds. Happily, Connecticut has abolished capital punishment. It's one step to make sure we continue to honor human life, particularly in a difficult circumstance.

Our government and society must maintain the fundamental standard of protecting human life. Allowing anything less diminishes the integrity of the standard. As the standard diminishes, so does the value of individual life. I cannot believe a law should help decide who lives and who dies, especially as values can change with time.

Please vote against HB 5326. Please vote to protect human lives...with a consistent standard.

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