

Legislative Testimony

Public Health Committee

H.B. No 5326 - an act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients

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Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Francesca LaRosa 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.

I don't support this bill because 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. Killing is just morally wrong. Life is sacred and it goes against the fifth commandment- you shall not kill.

Also, other countries that have legalized this have opened the door to even more extreme practices, like child euthanasia.

Thank you.

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