

Members of the Public Health Committee:

I oppose assisted suicide and ask you to vote no on H.B 5326, please. I firmly believe we should be looking at common sense solutions to help people to live and not help them to die; I offer some as follows.

In the later part of last year, Dr. Ben Carson, one of the top doctors in the U.S. and a world renowned neurosurgeon was on national TV promoting alternative medicine which is less expensive. I agree with Dr. Carson wholeheartedly.

You see, Dr. Carson knows first-hand the benefits of alternative medicine. As a 52-year-old, busy neurosurgeon, he was diagnosed with high grade cancer in a very aggressive form. Knowing he didn't have long to find a cure, he decided to ask those who came into his office if they knew anyone that was ever cured from his type of cancer. The father of one of his patients told him about a non-prescription product that costs just pennies compared to conventional treatment, and it worked. That was over ten years ago and Dr. Carson is alive and well today. This product is an effective treatment for all medical conditions, including pain and suffering.

I have information on a special tea recipe that came from the Indians and is used to treat cancer and other illnesses. In fact, my information explains that this tea was used in the cancer treatment of Ted Kennedy's son who had his leg amputated and was the first person to survive his type of cancer. It costs approximately \$20 for a one-month supply. This tea is also an effective treatment for all medical conditions, including pain and suffering. Instead of offering a cup of the "Jonestown kool-aid", I suggest a cup of "Indian tea" with a "positive" conversation.

Just recently, I received the latest email newsletter from my holistic dentist here in Connecticut which explains baking soda as the poor man's treatment for cancer. I found this information amazing.

Since cancer treatment is one of the largest revenue-producing businesses in the world, simple, inexpensive health care solutions without side effects have been swept under the carpet. Money and power interfere in the promotion of real, inexpensive solutions in health care management. Dr. Ben Carson has retired within the past year as chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and is now speaking around the United States on solutions to our health care debacle; I strongly believe we should be listening to him along with others in promoting low-cost alternative medicine without the devastating side effects.

Assisted suicide will only add to our health care problems. We should be looking at positive solutions in health care management, including those I mention above. It is my plea that you vote NO on assisted suicide legislation.

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