

Legislative Testimony

Public Health Committee

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

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Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Kade Van Linter 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.

When are we going to stop playing God? When are we going to let the silent victims speak for themselves? Why are we allowing people to have a reason to kill a living human being? If it is illegal to kill someone why are we trying to make it legal to assist in the killing of an innocent human life? If I was to ask someone to kill me and I wasn't ill at all, you would send the murderer to prison, right? So what's the difference? Does that make sense? As a devoted Christian man, I fully disapprove of the this bill and there is no justification for this excruciating and simply disgusting act. I feel we are opening the door to something so extremely wrong and unjust. If these doors continue to open, we'll be setting ourselves up for complete scrutiny, failure, guilt, disappointment, shame, depression and lies. Do we really want to set up the stage of doing something so unjust, such as the act of assisted suicide, and have it become a continuous act in our society demonstrating to our future generation that this act is "okay"? I think not. With true sincerity, I wish you the best with your decision. God bless.

Thank you,

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