

I am Katie Grendzinski, a junior at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, and I oppose House Bill 5326. If we allow this bill to pass, we are not performing our duties as citizens and the leaders of our state are not performing their job. As leaders of the state, one must strive to find the most beneficial route towards bringing peace and by allowing House Bill 5326 to pass the leaders are failing us. Physician assisted suicide is wrong morally, the dignity of life should come above all no questions asked. If we do not become aware with the causalities and vulnerabilities of the people, then our death rates will climb higher. My main opposition to this Bill strays from the main fact that it is not right. As a strong practicing Catholic I support the dignity of life and I oppose all concepts that relate to Physician assisted suicide.

The dignity of life comes before everything, everyone has the right to life and that should not be taken away from anyone. As individuals we must understand that our right to life lasts throughout our entire life and we do not have the say to when we end our life. God is the creator of our lives therefore he should be the one to deem when it is time for us to die. Life is sacred and is the most basic human right we are given, so if we have people working towards allowing this to be easily taken away from people then we need to end this. Many people believe a person should be allowed to say when their own life should be taken, but this is far from true. What happens if this person is unstable and cannot understand what they are doing? What happens if someone is just mad because their life is not fair? What if a person simply just does not want to deal with the people around them and feel as if they have the right to die? With all of these instances these people are just choosing to end their life because they cannot handle it, this is not the right reason to die. What if these people were going to become some of the most important people in the world? Maybe they would find the cure to cancer, become the president and solve world peace, or what if they were the person that was going to be the person sitting in your place right now? If you were to pass this Bill you would be allowing some of the most intelligent, life-saving, and world fixing people to die because of the inability to think clearly they have for a few weeks. I believe that life is valuable and if these doctors are not doing their jobs to encourage their patients to keep living then they need to relearn the importance of life and why it should be saved.

I am one hundred and ten percent against Physician assisted suicide. Passing this Bill is wrong and would allow people to abuse this power. Whenever people are given more powers they find more and more ways to abuse them.

Another major opposition I have towards this Bill is that doctors are supposed to help and work towards creating and saving more lives – this is their job and the mostly the sole reason people become doctors. So if these people, whose jobs are meant for good, are working towards creating death and helping people hurt themselves are they not failing to do their jobs also? When many people get sick with terminally ill diseases, they only think poorly of their life – well if these doctors are not here to point out the benefits of their life what are they doing? As many get sick they are incapable and distraught about their lives so they believe they know the only answer is to kill themselves, however this is not true. There must be someone to show them they can get through this, they are strong enough to get through this, and with support they WILL get through this. We must have people in the world to show these people who are upset and distraught the good and life and they should live their life to the fullest because God has a plan for everyone that they will be okay and we are behind them. Physician assisted suicide is wrong and this Bill should not be passed because people are going to be killing themselves left and right because they feel as if they cannot live their life and the death rates are going to sky-rocket.

Physician assisted suicide, is wrong and because of my strong faith in the value of life I do not believe Bill 5326 should be allowed to pass. I know from personal experiences what it is to see a loved one suffer, and I know exactly how it feels to have someone in your immediate family die because of a disease that will kill them – however I do not believe this Bill should be passed. Personally, I believe this is not okay because in some of my experiences my loved ones have survived their diseases, although they thought they should die. If we allow people who think they can deem their life invaluable to kill themselves before we actually know they will die – we could be killing people who could help us find the cure to these diseases and these people could do great things. I disagree with Physician assisted suicide, and I strongly oppose House Bill 5326 – because it should not be passed and does not allow the dignity of the human life to be fulfilled.