

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 Kodylynn Perkins and I am a Junior 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. If this bill were to be passed, the retributions would be detrimental. You may believe that other states who have passed bills similar to this one have been very successful, but, that is wrong. In Oregon, where assisted suicide is legal, the data shows no problems. In reality, Oregon's annual reports tell us very little. Doctors who fail to make required reports face no penalty. The state does not talk to doctors who denied or request to prescribe lethal drugs, to find out why. Just as in Oregon, HB5326 fails to give Connecticut any resources or even the authority to investigate violations or provide oversight. Please think thoroughly before passing this bill.

Thank you for your time and concern,

Kodylynn Perkins