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HB 5326

Dear Committee Members,

With regards to HB 5326 ("Aid in Dying") I ask that you please not pass this bill. It will open the door to severe abuses and also to pressure placed upon family members and sick individuals to "cut things short." The name of the bill is deceptive. It leads one to think that it is a bill ensuring compassionate palliative care for the dying. In reality, it is not a bill that offers aid in dying; it is a bill that aids in killing. This is a slippery slope.

Being the mother of a disabled daughter, I have had many experiences with negligent medical care that almost killed my daughter. There really was no true recourse for me to take in any of the circumstances. Dealing with home health agencies and school systems, I have seen how laws that are made to protect the disabled are manipulated, circumnavigated, or blatantly violated by those who are being paid to provide services. The service providers game the system and the disabled and vulnerable are pawns in that game. HB 5326 ("Aid in Dying") no matter how well-intentioned, will put the vulnerable in grave danger.

Thank you,

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