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Representative Susan Johnson (D-49)
Chair - Public Health - Room 3000
Hartford, Ct. 06106-1591

Dear Representative Johnson:

We are writing to advise you of our position on HB 5326, which is misnamed "Aid in Dying" but is actually a bill to allow Doctors to kill their patients. We respectfully request that you vote NO on HB 5326 for the following reasons:

Doctor William L. Toffler, M.D. who is a professor at Oregon Health Science University, wrote, "How physicians respond to the patient's request for lethal drugs can have a profound effect on a patient's choices as well as on his view of himself and his inherent worth. When a patient says "I want to die," he may simply mean 'I feel useless.' When a patient says 'I don't want to be a burden,' it may really be a question, 'Am I a burden?' When the patient says 'I've lived a long life already,' she may really be saying, 'I'm tired. I'm afraid

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I can't keep going'. And finally, when a patient says 'I might as well be dead', he may really be saying "No one cares about me'. Many studies show that assisted suicide requests are almost always for such psychological or social reasons."

Another learned man, Malcolm Muggeridge wrote in his book entitled, "Something Beautiful For God", His life in us, however low it flickers or fiercely burns, is still a divine flame which no man dare presume to put out, be his motives ever so humane and enlightened; To suppose otherwise is to countenance a death-wish; Either life is always and in all circumstances sacred, or intrinsically of no account; it is inconceivable that it should be in some cases the one, and in some cases the other."

Connecticut should not license doctors to prescribe suicide as treatment. The Ct. Medical Association, Ct. Hospice Association, the State Office of Protection & Advocacy for persons with Disabilities, and conservatives and progressives alike testified against legalizing Assisted Suicide last year. Please vote "No" on HB 5326.

Thank you! Sincerely, Patricia M Conran (Mrs. Edward V Conran)

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