

Rev. John P. Connaughton, J.D. HB 5326

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed bill HB 5326 which would legalize assisted suicide under the nomenclature "compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients." This bill, if passed, would increase the vulnerability of members of our society who are already vulnerable to abuse and neglect. It would have the effect of putting pressure on those considered a "burden" by themselves or by others to ease the "burden" of their presence among us by ending their own lives. This bill represents a gross perversion of the responsibility of the influential and strong members of society to provide dignified care for the most vulnerable among us, effectively dehumanizing both groups at the same time. I urge the members of the Public Health Committee to not allow this proposed bill to go any further in the legislative process.

Thank you,

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