

Raised Bill No. 5326 – an Act concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients

Against

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This law would make it legal for doctors in Connecticut to give terminally ill people lethal medicine to end their lives. We here at Connecticut Hospice have another approach. We work as an interdisciplinary team which includes nurses, home health aides, social workers, music and art therapy, physicians and others. We know that life is not just a decision you made once – it's a process, and the quality you give that life through its life cycle is what is important. We don't see one Event; we see a process that needs the tender care of people that understand the patient's entire journey. We are against this Bill because it is legalizing murder in the first degree. I won't be a perpetrator of that crime.

Thank you,

Reverend Warren Godbolt, M.Div.