

To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned about HB 5326, which repeats history by allowing assisted suicide and euthanasia. History has shown us that once we condone the termination of depressed or ill elders, the state's moral compass for human life becomes compromised. This has always lead to further extension of euthanasia and treating peoples' problems with the easiest solution - their death.

The most recent examples are the Netherlands - the Termination of Life on Request and Assisted Suicide Act - and its sister program in Belgium. As you know, the introduction of this program 12 years ago has led to repeated extensions of the program and recently (February 2014) Belgium extended this program to euthanizing children.

Earlier in the twentieth century, it is well-known that this played out on a horrendous, accelerated scale in National Socialist Germany. Euthanasia was initially allowed for the consenting ill, and it was ultimately extended to the disabled, psychiatric patients and terminal condition children.

We could continue with examples from ancient society, but I think the Nazi Germany example is enough - any program that mirrors Nazi Germany's philosophy towards terminating human beings in need is repugnant to our society and unworthy of Connecticut.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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