

PHYSICIAN- ASSISTED SUICIDE

HOUSE BILL 5326

Public Hearing

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I am here to ask you to vote **NO** on Physician Assisted Suicide Bill 5326 for the following reasons:

One of the most familiar themes in discussions of suicide and homicide is that these behaviors are closely related. Not only do they both represent the taking of a human life by a human, but it is held that they are related in their motivation, that they spring from the same soil. **Article by Alex D. Pokorny. Human Violence: A Comparison of Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Suicide, and Attempted Suicide. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. Volume 56. Article 9. Issue 4. 12/1965. Northwestern University School of Law.**

The words:

SUICIDE

HOMICIDE

PESTICIDE

They all conclude with **C-I-D-E**

According to the Merriam Webster's dictionary **CIDE** means:

KILLER, KILLING

MURDER: The crime of deliberately **killing** a person

HOMICIDE: The act of **killing** another person

SUICIDE: The act of **Killing** yourself because you do not want to continue living.

KILLING MEANS: An act of **killing** someone or something

THEY ALL CONTAIN THE WORD KILLING.

WHEN DID KILLING BECOME LEGAL?

In the Declaration of Professional Responsibility Medicine's Social Contract with Humanity of 12/4/2001 by the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association

Declaration states: we, the members of the world community of physicians, solemnly **commit ourselves to:**

- 1. Respect human life and the dignity of every individual.**
- 2. Refrain from supporting or committing crimes against humanity and condemn all acts.**

Only a few states of the nation are **NOT** really clear that anyone involved in assisting another person in suicide is committing a **Class C Felony and Connecticut is one of those states.**

When were physicians given the power to assist in KILLING AND WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO KILL WHEN THEY TOOK AN OATH TO PRESERVE ALL FORMS OF LIFE. ISN'T THAT CONTRADICTING AND DANGEROUS?

On television I have seen that

When a horse breaks a leg, it is shot to death to put it out of it's misery

Do we kill a human being to put them out of their misery?

If so, that person has been reduce to an animal.

As painful as it must be for a person to be completely incapacitated and for the family members to have to see them suffer, it is an act of cowardice on the part of both in the act of assisted suicide. For the act of bravery is embracing the pain and suffering until nature takes its course.