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I strongly oppose the legalization of physician-assisted suicide and strongly urge you to do the same. Some of the reasons I feel so strongly against this bill:

It is a dangerously misguided sense of compassion and mercy.

It is the antithesis of the Hippocratic Oath.

It does not uphold the dignity and worth of every human life.

It implies there is no hope for finding compassionate support and care that will address the suffering, fear and depression that may motivate a person to consider suicide by doctor.

It robs the person of their own personal spiritual journey: a sacred journey as one faces one's mortality and prepares for Eternity.

It has the potential for misuse and abuse for those who may have no one to advocate for them, especially the elderly, disabled, and the mentally ill.

It sends a message that one's worth is measured in dollars and cents, convenience or inconvenience and not in the preciousness of every life and the call from God we have to, " Love one another even as I have loved you."

A society that takes on the responsibility of deciding who should live and who should die is in danger of losing every freedom given it by its Creator.

As an RN with 12 years medical experience and as an APRN with 30 years in the field of mental health, I see the passing of this bill as dangerous and merciless. Please do not let this bill pass. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter. May God bless you.

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