

Legislative Testimony
Public Health Committee
H.B. No 5326 - An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients
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Joseph George

Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Joseph George and I am a senior at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed bill H.B. No 5326 - An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients.

I don't support this bill because it violates the dignity of human life. It also opens the doors to more extreme procedures, such child euthanasia, as we have seen in other countries. This bill also takes away from patients a chance to live. Since eligibility is based on a sixth-month life expectancy, patients might be inclined to take their own life rather than fight. This could cause them to miss out on possibly years of good life. I have seen this many times in relatives, who greatly outlived their "life expectancy" given by their doctors. Also financial or emotional stress might cause patients to make a decision that they regret, or rather won't get a chance to.

Thank you.

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