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HB 5326

Legislative Testimony

Public Health Committee

H.B. No 5326- An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients

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Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Kelly Frasca 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 aid in dying for terminally ill patients. I don't support this bill because not just as a Catholic, but as a moral person taking someone's life is wrong for any reason, even if it is what the patients want. I am also against this bill because it does go against my religious beliefs. The fifth commandment says thou shalt not kill.

Other foreign countries have legalized this practice and it has opened the door to child euthanasia. In Belgium, it is now legal to euthanize any person with a terminal illness, with out any age restrictions. Belgium is, and may be, the first of many to legalize these practices. It would be a tragedy for the United States and Connecticut to follow suit.

We should also remember that every person has dignity, even in the last stages of life, and deserves to die at the natural time. All life is sacred and should be respected and valued at all stages of life.

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