

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 Paige Petit 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.

As a Catholic, I believe in the sanctity of life and the act of assisted suicide conflicts with this view. The fifth commandment, You shall not kill, is broken when this act is carried out because assisted suicide is actively taking the life of another person. Furthermore, eligibility for assisted suicide is based on an estimation of a 6-month life expectancy but doctors agree that these estimations are often wrong. Some patients outlive their prognosis by months or even years. I hope you can take these reasons into consideration and utilize them in the judging of this bill. Thank you very much.

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