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Subject: **Senate Bill 668**

Dear Legislators,

As a retired Registered Nurse from the State of Connecticut, I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 668 allowing Physicians to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to terminally ill patients.

During my 40 year nursing career in Connecticut, I had the privilege to work with dedicated Physicians and Nurses who believed in the oath that we took to do no harm to our patients. We take that oath very seriously. I would propose that Connecticut invest it's time and resources in providing improved Hospice Care. Hospice provides quality care for patients so that patients, along with their families, are supported physically and emotionally within the guidelines of the Hippocratic oath that all physicians swear to.

During my nursing career I had many families ask to have morphine drips increased so that their "loved ones" would die in a timely fashion as to not spoil the start of their vacations or ruin a holiday for the rest of the family. I have been asked to administer pain medication when their "beloved" terminally ill family members were sleeping peacefully and not displaying any symptoms of pain. I was asked by a dear friend, who was terminally ill, to assist her in killing herself when after receiving excellent hospice care she lived pain free for almost a year before dying peacefully in her sleep. These are just a few cases that have crossed my path as a nurse.

The law states that you must have less than 6 months to live. Only God knows..... And he alone should choose when to bring you home.

I am asking that you choose life with dignity and vote no on this proposal.

Donna Anderson
Retired RN