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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am submitting testimony in Opposition to HB 7015, Act concerning aid in dying for terminally ill patients

I am strongly opposed this bill, we should preserve the sanctity of life not take it, Doctors are supposed to save lives not take lives, for that was the oath they took to become Doctors, should we change the oath they take to save life, or change it to say "Take life if its best thing for the person", No we should not, so why allow this, as it goes against the oath they took, so why are we considering giving Doctors a License to Kill.

Life is a gift from God, those in this state of life want to die to lift the burden they may feel upon their families, how can a gift from God be a burden, what they need is the love, compassion, faith and hope from their families, and not to feel like a burden.

In 1999 I lost both my parents, my Mother went first, so we knew it was only a matter of time, before my Dad would pass, he thought he needed to hang on and be strong for us kids, I spoke with him the day before he passed, his concern was for his children, and I told him "We will be ok, and to go to her (My Mother) for she is waiting" I would like to think that I lifted the burden he may have felt to stay, when in my heart I knew he did not want to live without my Mother, he passed with **dignity and honor**, this is how we are to die, this is how God intended us to die, not by suicide, there is no **dignity and honor** in this type of death.

There is a natural course of life, we all begin to die the day we are born, yet we do not ask "how long will I live", for it's a question that cannot be answered, dying in this manner changes the natural course of life and death, but most of all it is Murder.

Death comes to us all, for it smiles upon us all, for us of faith and believe in God we know that it is not the end of our lives but the beginning of a new life in the Kingdom of Heaven with God the Father.

God gave his only begotten Son for all of us, Abraham was willing to give up his only Son as God asked of him, but it was a test of Abraham's Faith in God, and I say this to all of you, for there is not one amongst you that would ever consider doing such a thing, for you would be charged with murder, and the defense that God told me to do it, history has showed that defense does not stand in a court of law.

This is morally and ethically wrong, no matter which way you look at this it is Murder, but most importantly it is a mortal sin (Thou shall not Kill) and is offensive to God our 1 true Father.