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Thank you Senators and Legislators for bringing HB 7015 (aid in dying) to a Public Hearing.

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DEATH—it will always be a mysterious thing FOR SOME. For others, It is a new beginning—the next part of a souls journey.

Assistance in death for terminally ill patients will certainly raise conflict of interest.

While (some) religions believe that this would be disobeying God's plan, Legislation MUST remember the separate of church and state. Therefore, allowing a patient to exit their Earthly vessel in a manner THEY want. Patients, of legal age and competent should be allowed options to release their own pain and suffering and the potential hardship the dying process can be on surviving family members and loved ones.

I could ramble on with facts like since 2008, 4 other states have legalized death with dignity – making 5 states, Vermont, New Mexico, Montana, Oregon and Washington State with legislation. This year there are 15 states as well as DC with bills in legislation.

I am trying to understand what consequences could arise with death with dignity laws. I can only see that any patient that this law would apply to, could (perhaps) donate and organ sooner and perhaps in better condition to a patient on a long waiting list.

The phrase quality and dignity of life should have added AND DEATH. Research shows that in Oregon only 71 out of 122 patients actually too the medicine while others took comfort that could use medicine if need be.

Let us not forget Brittany Maynard from Oregon. He battle with the choice to die in dignity as resulted in forming a compassion organization with over 50,000 letters submitted nationally to support bills of this nature.

In closing I am, with great confidence, sure that “for patients who are truly, emotionally and spiritually ready to die” CT will pass Bill 7015