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Honored Members of the Connecticut Judiciary Committee:

I am compelled to voice my opinion on Bill 7015, " An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Adults."

While I am aware that there are a number of people who do suffer as they face death, I do not believe that assisted suicide is the appropriate solution to the problem. There are other options: medication and supportive care from groups like Hospice.

Life and death decisions are difficult for our government to make. How many times in the recent past have innocent people been on death row, to be saved by new information? The system we use is very flawed. I cannot imagine that it is easy or reliable to presume to understand what criteria might be used to make the most important decision of who lives and who dies.

Monetary questions, like how to have an insurance company pay for the care of a terminally ill patient, should not be a factor in the decision making.

All life is precious from conception to natural death. This value will keep us, Connecticut citizens, from committing murder in the name of mercy.

It is important to improve access to good care for all, living as well as the terminally ill.

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