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Good people of the Judiciary Committee -

As a resident of Connecticut, I wish to share my views on HB 7015, An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients.

I SUPPORT HB 7015, and I have two points to make:

**Point 1:**

As I sit in the Legislative Hearing room, listening to the testimony of various individuals, I look around the room at the persons present and see that those opposed to HB, seem overwhelmingly to carry religious insignia, jewelry, clothing, or other indicators.

I cannot help but wonder whether their opinions and wishes regarding this legislation are based on the dictates of their particular religion, which others (such as myself) may not share.

Under what possible scenario in our secular society is it acceptable to craft legislation that affects ME based on the religious beliefs of someone else? This is an outrageous overreach. For shame.

**Point 2:**

I hear over and over the members of the committee saying that pain and suffering must be weighed against letting "nature take its course". I find the idea that we would treat a dog with more compassion than a human being to be beyond decency, to be beyond acceptability. An animal in agony, we make a judgement and provide euthanasia. A person in agony, we do not even allow THAT INDIVIDUAL to make a decision to end their own pain? This is appalling.

Please SUPPORT HB 7015, and empower individuals or their designated representatives to have FULL and COMPLETE control over their own lives and decisions. It is not the business of someone else to tell me what I can and cannot do with my own body and my own life.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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