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Ladies and Gentleman –

I write to express my opposition to Senate Bill 668, and to any form of assisted suicide becoming legal in Connecticut.

I gravely fear giving physicians the power to take life, no matter what the circumstances. Physicians are capable of doing heroic measures and, if there truly is no hope for the patient, using appropriate methods to manage pain and keep the patient comfortable. Doctors should first do no harm, and they should not be given the legal authority to take, or assist in the taking, of life.

No matter how carefully crafted this or any such legislation might be, it cracks open a very dangerous door for the making of life and death decisions by third parties.

The legislature should instead direct its efforts toward increasing support for end-of-life care, including for nursing homes and especially for hospice activities. Terminally ill people need care, not termination.

Sincerely,
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