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Dear Judicial Committee:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the physician-assisted suicide bill, recently proposed as HB7015.

I write as a matter of conscience: I do not believe it appropriate for a physician to trafficking in death, even at the request of a patient. Virtually every attempted victim of self-caused death by suicide who was prevented from taking his own life has said he is glad someone stopped him, and rescued him from his own inclinations of the moment.

The physician's promise is to do no harm; though in an age of seemingly unrestrained progressive thinking, this philosophical under-girding appears in danger. I do not wonder at this, since the tenets of the Greco-Roman, Judeo-Christian framework that has sustained the West for nearly two millennia are similarly under attack in the Academy, amongst philosophers, and in an increasingly coarse popular culture.

Therefore, I must oppose this bill; its foundational thinking appears to contradict the power of the Natural Law, a mainstay of the American founding and its documents, as well as the inherent dignity of the human person, that most sublime creature of the Earth, as attested to by more than one religious faith.

Should HB7015 ever come up for a vote, I shall surely vote against it!

Thank you for your courteous attention in this matter,

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