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Subject: Assisted Suicide Bill

I wanted to register my opposition to the assisted suicide bill that is being considered by the state legislature. (HB 7015)

People in pain and people facing difficult medical diagnoses are not always well equipped to make good decisions. Granting suicide as an option might tempt them to choose an irreversible option (death), instead of seeking assistance or second opinions.

Furthermore, without appropriate safeguards, I feel people who suffer significant, but temporary, medical and emotional setbacks might be inclined to end their lives -- when life affirming medical and psychological assistance is available.

Thank you for your time

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