

To the Judicial Committee:

RE: Assisted Suicide Bill, **HB 7015**

I am writing re: the Assisted Suicide Bill, **HB 7015**. Please do not vote this into law.

This bill is against the fifth commandment of God, which says: “Thou shalt not kill.” Every person comes into this world and goes out of this world by the will of God. To go against God’s will in a way as permanent as removing a person from the face of this earth is to cause serious harm to the soul and to society. No person, even a seriously ill person, has the right to make that judgement.

The consequences of this being made law are far reaching. It will minimize the importance of people, which will lead to a dehumanizing of society. It will become more important to be able to contribute to society in a utilitarian way than it will be to just “be.” When people get old and debilitated, they will be looked upon as being useless. We all will get old. Like one of the polls online said, “the life you save may be your own,” which is one of the reasons I am writing this letter. As a disabled person myself, I can only look toward the future as one of becoming older and more disabled. I do not want to wake up one day in a nursing home “afraid to drink my orange juice” as they do now in the Netherlands.

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