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Ladies and Gentlemen: I have lived and worked in Stamford since 1970, and I'll be turning 74 in June. For years I've been interested in "right to die" legislation and have admired such legislation passed in Oregon and Washington, more recently in Vermont. I've discussed this issue with many friends who are CT residents, and all agree that this legislation should be promptly passed in CT.

I respect all religious beliefs, but our Constitution clearly provides for the bedrock principle of separation of church and state. You must not let private religious beliefs continue to block this legislation. As you know, the law is completely voluntary, and those who believe that it violates their religious beliefs need not take advantage of it.

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