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Monique d'Auteuil  
HB 7015

Dear Committee Members,

With regards to HB 7015 I ask that you please not pass this bill. It will open the door to severe abuses and also to pressure placed upon family members and sick individuals to "cut things short." The name of the bill is deceptive. It leads one to think that it is a bill ensuring compassionate palliative care for the dying. In reality, it is not a bill that offers aid in dying; it is a bill that aids in killing. **This is a slippery slope.**

Being the mother of a disabled daughter, I have had many experiences with negligent medical care that almost killed my daughter. There really was no true recourse for me to take in any of the circumstances. Dealing with home health agencies and school systems, I have seen how laws that are made to protect the disabled are manipulated, circumnavigated, or blatantly violated by those who are being paid to provide services. The service providers 'game' the system and the disabled and vulnerable are pawns in that game. In addition, I saw my mother die without her wishes being honored, by siblings with Power of Attorney, and it is my great fear that terminally ill patients will be pressured into agreeing to suicidal measures if they are made to feel unloved and that they are merely a burden. I am also fearful that people with Power of Attorney will deny someone who is vulnerable the life-sustaining medical care that they desire but are unable to ask for. HB 7015 no matter how well-intentioned, will put the vulnerable in grave danger.

Thank you,  
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