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To the Judiciary Committee:

I do not want the Assisted Suicide Bill (7015) passed. Not only do I not condone suicide but I feel there are other ways to deal with pain and despair. Since a MVA in 2010, I have been in unbearable pain, but because of modern medicine I am able to function with some disability. As far as the psychological aspect of this issue, I myself have received a lot of help with therapy. I believe this is a viable option for those in this horrible situation.

If a teenager was going to kill him/herself and law enforcement could stop this person, wouldn't it be their job to do so? How is this different than assisted suicide? Isn't this teenager in a lot of pain - probably psychological and maybe even physical? Why don't the officers just give the kid a push without being accused of murder?

The patients who are asking for this bill are in need of our compassion. We should do all that we can to help and support them. Yet, if you pass this bill you are on a slippery slope. There are many other situations that could be rationalized to ask for the same solution. Instead of looking for the easy way out maybe we should call the police for help rather than a doctor.

I hope you will give my letter some consideration.

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