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Subject: H.B. No. 7015 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS.

Importance: High

March 15, 2015

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee of Connecticut:

I am a concerned citizen of Connecticut and understand that you will be voting on the Assisted Suicide Bill "HB-7015" on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. I am writing in **opposition** to this bill, and for the reasons listed below, I am asking that you **please vote "NO"** regarding this bill.

"Life and death should not be dependent upon an individual's "right" to choose, for many reasons. The main reason one thinks he/she would like to die appears to be due to feelings of worthlessness, i.e. - nothing to offer to society; loss of dignity; don't want to burden loved ones; or not enough assistance - rather than actual physical pain they may be experiencing. I believe we should have better legislation in place to help them, such as earlier hospice care or other means of assistance and support programs. We spend money on so many "projects", but are missing it where help is needed most – to help **save** the lives of human beings. Also, I believe firmly that the spiritual ramifications need to be considered as well. We did not give ourselves life and do not have the right to end it. We consist of a soul, body, and spirit...which lives forever, either in heaven with God or in hell. (You may not agree with that, but the Holy Scriptures were inspired by God for our instruction and guidance, and that's what they say.) If a person is not spiritually ready to meet his Maker, then he/she may end up separated from God for eternity! "Forever" is unimaginable to the human brain, but the short time we suffer here is but a drop in an ocean. However, suffering sometimes helps us to focus on the condition of our souls and make amends with our Heavenly Father. By assisting one with suicide, we are actually playing God. Unfortunately, there is no turning back for the one who was encouraged to make the decision to die. I know that every life is valuable and worthy of saving. **They need more help to live...NOT die.** Thank you for your prayerful consideration."

Respectfully Submitted,

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