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**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2015 12:20 AM  
**To:** JudTestimony  
**Cc:** Sen. McLachlan, Michael  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 7015 - Matthew Chmielowiec - Resident of Bethel, CT, 24 CT District

To the Legislature's Judiciary Committee:

Hello, my name is Matthew Chmielowiec, and I am a resident of Bethel, CT, part of the 24th district of Connecticut.

I am writing this message in opposition to Senate Bill 7015, which supports physician-assisted suicide to patients.

I am opposed to this bill, on the realization that any diagnosis is a representation and decision of a practicing physician and that physician alone. More than one diagnosis, given by two or more practicing physicians, can be given for a perceived ailment existent with a human being, and therefore, up to the decision of a patient or patient's caretaker, any diagnosis can be overturned.

Moreover, one diagnosis may not accurately predict nor dictate the outcomes of said ailments, especially those that suggest mortality within a specific time-frame. While symptoms of specific ailments might cause reduction in the quality of life, there can be circumstances that can reverse either the symptoms or the severity of the ailments existent within a human being. Such circumstances can be due to dispensation of curative or palliative medicine, or from spontaneity from the human body's own ability to reverse an existing ailment.

It can also be stated that mental health has a close link with the human body's own ability to self-correct a disease or ailment. Good mental health, as supported by a physician, through counsel or by prescribed chemical means, can be enough to override the disease or ailment in a human being.

I therefore find it unethical to give suicidal treatment to any patient with a diagnosis with a short expected time-frame in which to live. I also find unethical to give suicidal treatment to patients who have not been thoroughly counseled by practitioners for reconsideration before said treatment is given to them.

I thank you for your time in reading this message in opposition to Senate Bill 7015.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Chmielowiec