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Bill 7015 Assisted Suicide Bill

Assisted suicide is not an acceptable way to handle mental or physical pain and suffering nor end of life issues.

Human life is always sacred from conception to natural death protected by our constitution and bill of rights. Quality of life is more than material, it is also interpersonal, spiritual, religious, faith filled and all of that needs to be respected and protected.

I have had friends and family told they have only weeks or months to live with "terminal" cancer but they decided to select treatment which actually extended their lives 3 to 10 additional years. Doctor's were wrong. Had they listened to the doctors to end their lives without treatment they and their family would have lost precious time together.

I fear that that "terminal" diagnoses can be errors in judgment of the doctors at times and could even lead to involuntary euthanasia because it is just the wrong diagnosis or that the cost of treatment is deemed too expensive and not approved by insurance providers. Errors occur all the time, many times they are caught in time and the proper diagnoses is made, treatment given and person heals and continues with a long, loving and productive life. At times it may be deep depression and with adequate treatment the person improves and lives a productive and happy life with friends and family. No, it is too easy just to kill someone deemed not benefiting society, not worthy of living that is just plain abuse! In the news the other day a dog was found, severely crippled, starved and they did not euthanize it. They are raising money to care for dog's health needs and find a loving caring home for it. If they can do that for a dog is not a human person worth more?

Just look back at the starvation and dehydration death inflicted on Terri Schievo by the Florida judge and her greedy husband. The money was there for her treatment but her husband wanted that money for himself and wanted her dead. He could have divorced her, her family would have taken care of her, but he wanted the money!!! He wanted her dead so he can have the money.

The ill, old, disabled, mentally and or physically handicapped and otherwise vulnerable deemed unworthy of life could be pressured by family members, insurance companies, Obamacare, to end their own lives. Yes, that maybe you or me pressured to end our lives or

even euthanized without our permission because someone somewhere decided we are no longer worthy of living. Is that really what you want for yourself and your loved ones?

Assisted suicide is not a choice issue. It is discrimination against those people considered not worthy of life contrary to our constitution and bill of rights declaration that all persons have the "right to life" there are no if's, and's, or but's of exclusions ... the right to life is guaranteed. The state, judges, politicians, any advocate of assisted suicide is saying "Your life is not worth living therefore I am going to have you killed with or without your permission. That is the slippery slope you are starting with assisted voluntary suicide and is already taking place these days in Europe.

The answer to those people suffering or at the end of life is not termination, euthanasia, killing by any other name but excellent medical treatment that cares for pain and suffering management and palliative or hospice care to be made more available. Many people don't even know that there is such a thing as palliative or hospice care and suffer needlessly.

Do not discriminate against those who are suffering or at the end of their life. Do not pass any assisted suicide bills or laws. That is the entrance to the slippery slope of killing those deemed not worthy of life.

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