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I am submitting testimony AGAINST HB 7015. We should be supporting HOPE, NOT suicide.

Every year thousands and thousands of patients are given wrong diagnosis, time frames that are long outlived, and as many are discharged from hospice programs. I OPPOSE HB 7015 because this bill would lead to the abuse of our most vulnerable citizens. The very Americans that need the most protection would face a decrease in the treatment options that are offered them, doctors who aren't as keen to give hope, and a feeling that one should just go ahead and die rather than "burden" anyone.

Instead, our government should be ensuring that all citizens have as many treatment options available as possible, that everyone is protected from feeling as if they are "less than" because of illness, and that nursing care and hospice facilities that support patients and their families during a natural death process have the staff and funding that they need to function well and are able to support patients with comfort during all phases of life.

I OPPOSE HB 7015
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