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To The Judicial Committee : Thank you for your service. We would like to express our opposition to Assisted Suicide Bill #7015.

Terminally ill people have a fear of suffering, but the public is generally not aware of the advances and research in the field of palliative care. Patients don't have to suffer and fear is taken away by the good people who work in the hospice field. Physician assisted suicide does not have to be an option.

Moreover, we feel the bond of trust and communication between patient and doctor would be eroded when a patient knows a doctor has a State approved option to discuss ending one's life in this manner. This is not a desirable situation for us to be in or even think about. It closes the discussion for trying other care. We are not aware of any medical professionals who are in favor of this Bill.

It's also a slippery slope to ending life when the State decides life should be ended at a certain age or for those who are disabled; that life is not worth living.

More funds should be put in the palliative care treatment and hospice fields so that people who are in end of life situations and their families can feel comfortable and safe in the transition from this life and no money put into assisted suicide.

Please do not pass this Bill. Thank you for your time and attention.

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