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**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2015 3:21 PM  
**To:** JudTestimony; Sen. McLachlan, Michael  
**Subject:** Bill 7015

Dear Sir or Madam,

In thinking about how to let you know my opposition to this bill, I did some internet research.

It is my suspicion that this "right" could be misused. Right here in Danbury we have just opened a beautiful hospice center, where folks who are terminally ill are very well taken care of. If someone desires to "die with dignity", this hospice is definitely a top choice. No misuse by conservators, guardians, etc. whatsoever.

One method of assisted suicide is assisted death by starvation and dehydration. Another is intentional administration of lethal drugs.

I am aware that a small majority of CT residents favor this, but that does not make it right.

These are not my words, but I could not say it better: William Burke, MD, PhD, Professor at Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center, in a Jan. 4, 2007 email, stated:

"In many states it is now legal to euthanize disabled persons.....without any evidence of their wishes based on the 'best interest' form of substituted judgement... In my view this is not only murder, it is torturing a person to death. Why do state and Federal law allow this barbaric behavior?"

Sincerely,

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