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Thank you for your consideration. I am writing to testify against HB 7015. My name is Fr Walter Nagle and I am from St Patrick Church in East Hampton, Ct.

Members of the Judiciary Committee. Today you will hear many emotional arguments as to why this bill should be passed. I put forward one as to why it shouldn't-human reason. Going back to Aristotle and Plato the ancients have contemplated this subject. However, even Aristotle and Plato believed in the existence of a soul. They knew what us moderns have forgotten-you can kill the body but you can't kill the soul. Even then there was a respect for death-human reason told them it could not be controlled. Physicians know this-human reason tells them that one cannot accurately predict with certainty if someone will die within six months.

People of reason also understand that if you change the words of something it also changes the meaning. To take an act called Assisted Suicide and call it Aid-in-dying or "choice" is an affront to human reason.

Lastly, the proposed legislation would force a physician to falsify a death certificate. As someone who lost a mother to Dementia last year I know what it is to want to know the why's of death. It helps bring closure. If family members are excluded from knowing the immediate cause of death of a loved one....you may be heaping on them pain and a burden this bill is looking to prevent.

How ironic. Members of the Judiciary Committee I ask you to vote no on this legislation. Let's recognize the wisdom of Aristotle and Plato who, in their great wisdom knew that death can not be controlled. They knew this because of human reason.

Thank you

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