

Hello,

Is there any possibility this testimony can be added for HB 7015? I know the hearing was last week but was hoping you could post the below email. If you can't, I understand.

Best,

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HRO 8725

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From: Cora Sciarra [<mailto:csciarra@snet.net>]

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 10:13 AM

To: zRepresentative Sam Belsito

Subject: assisted suicide

Dear Representative Belsito,

Please read this carefully and pass along to any since I cannot attend to speak in person. I urge you to vote against ANY such thing. It goes against the very grain of what a physician is supposed to do and there already is a big fight against such things. I know FIRST hand. My mom came down in 2012 from Main and went into septic shock. BEcause of her AGE and "Condition:", they wanted to d nothing. It was the state health care advocate, Maureen Smith, who helped me to give my mom's life back to her. They wanted to place her on "pallitive medicine." She had no terminal illness. They were refusing to look at the cause of the problem or to even remedy it with surgery until she became involved.

My mom is living in her own apt. with 24/7 care VERY HAPPILY now. LIVING life! How sad we think we can play God. It is His decision and His alone when we go home.

let me give you another angle of this with the woman who committed assisted suicide in Oregon that made big news that had a brain tumor. I have epilepsy. I live with daily seizures. I do not think that is ANY reason to kill myself. This is a very dangerous place we are treading because I was SO pressured with my mom. They brainwash people and pressure people to do what they want. After a seizure, one's mind is really scrambled for a while, but we bounce back. It is DANGEROUS to have the known amount to KILL oneself. The doctors who supply it by writing a prescription WILL be held accountable for such actions. First it is voluntary, then mandatory for both the "prescriber" and "prescribee." Are we a society of selectivity? Sounds much like history. We need to LEARN from history. It repeats itself, over and over. We need to stop such nonsense.

Really, if one really wants to kill himself, he can do so often with the very medicines he has. Just take the whole bottle. He does not need suggestions or extra pressure when he may already be dealing with depression. Why bother with suicide prevention with others? After all, they have issues too? I actually KNOW people who tried and failed and are happy they did not succeed. I also know some who have tried and succeeded, and have to wonder where their life would have been now and how many people they could have helped through difficult times.

This clearly is NOT something that belongs in congress. You are there to help PROTECT us and others, not harm us. Doctors are there for the same reason, even though I have been through "death talks" too

many times to count because judgement has been made by them. This is very frightening territory we are going through and should AVOID!

A final note. My epilepsy drug to try to control mine is the very same drug that woman in Oregon used to KILL herself. How do you think I feel each day as I take it to help me LIVE? It affects MANY people when one hurts herself and himself. Also, we have a son with chronic illnesses that tries so hard to live life and enjoys it so, as well as helps so many. How do we all feel as he struggles happily through life to live it and help others when others selfishly end theirs?

PLEASE stop this nonsense. It WILL come back to bite one of the very legislatures who vote FOR it in some way, some day. It will also hurt many others, as well. Let's keep our laws to those of protection, not potential for abuse and harm!

Sincerely,

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