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From: Erin <wsucox@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 1:10 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB 7015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose HB 7015. I am a resident of Washington state, where assisted suicide is legal. I work in health care policy at the Washington state legislature. Every year we discuss shrinking budgets, value-based purchasing, and so on – I'm sure you do too. The reality of the numbers? In a high-pressure budget situation, whether in a legislative arena or an insurance company – it becomes much more attractive to pay for an assisted suicide than pay for ongoing treatment. Assisted suicide becomes not a choice of the individual, but a choice made by those holding the purse strings.

Take, for instance, the experience of Barbara Wagner and Randy Stroup in Oregon. Both were denied cancer treatment by the Oregon Health Plan, but the OHP offered to pay for their assisted suicide medication.
<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/story?id=5517492> (ABC News story re: Barbara Wagner)
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/2008/07/28/oregon-offers-terminal-patients-doctor-assisted-suicide-instead-medical-care/> (Fox News story re: Randy Stroup)

Please do not make the mistake of Washington and Oregon. Oppose assisted suicide in Connecticut. Please vote no on HB 7015.

Thank you -

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From: Jeffrey Ballard <jeffcballard@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Aid in dying bill

I am in favor and support of assisted end of life choices in CT..
Terminally ill deserve the choice of when, where and how to end their life with dignity.
Sincerely,
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