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To the Members of the Judiciary Committee

We are submitting testimony in OPPOSITION to SB668.

Any direct administration of narcotics or medicine for the intention of ending a life is - murder. By any definition, no reason for killing a human being, other than self-defense, can justify the act and supplying a person with the means to do so is criminal in nature.

Our society is faced with a crisis. An ideology which presents itself as an “act of mercy” is in actuality presenting a new face to the euthanasia movement. The lives of our disabled, our elderly and intellectually impaired loved ones will be threatened as this ideology of exclusion is accepted by society. It will happen as an extension of the perverted ideology, “death with dignity”. There is no dignity in suicide.

The medical profession is able to manage those with terminal illnesses with medication and palliative care and can do so without extraordinary life support systems. The majority of doctors oppose euthanasia because it contradicts their reason for being, that is, to save lives, not kill them.

*“Woe to mankind, woe to our nation if God's Holy Commandment 'Thou shalt not kill,' which God proclaimed on Mount Sinai amidst thunder and lightning, which God our Creator inscribed in the conscience of mankind from the very beginning, is not only broken, but if this transgression is actually tolerated and permitted to go unpunished.”*

Blessed Cardinal Clemens von Galen - August 3, 1941

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