

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The proposal of S.B. 668, supporting the legalization of physician-assisted suicide in Connecticut, is once again before us.

Like many others in the state, I am opposed to such legislation. The "right to die" and "death with dignity" slogans are merely excuses to allow life-saving professionals with legal ability to help someone kill themselves. This is against the very meaning of being a doctor, and actually strips a person of their human dignity by helping euthanize them like an animal.

With suffering in mind, I have learned about some incredible palliative hospice services that manage a person's pain while catering to their vulnerable state of emotion, thereby focusing on their dignity as a human being.

Physician-assisted suicide would be a dangerous precedent that can snowball into abuses seen in other countries.

Please consider voting against S.B. 668 for these reasons. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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