

Dear Legislators,
I oppose HB 5417. I do not agree that people in CT should be able to kill themselves. God is the Author of life. He decides, in His wisdom, when is the appropriate time for a person to be born and to die. There are medicines which will help alleviate the pain and suffering of a terminally ill patient. My own uncle received such medicines he was dying from Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

It is better for a patient to receive comfort through family and people who work in hospice care. This along with medicine to alleviate pain, will help each person die with dignity at the time foreseen by God.

When we surround a patient with love and compassion, through hospice and a medicine to alleviate pain, that is appropriate. Killing them is never the correct thing to do.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
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