

I am submitting this quote from Audrey Hepburn.

Nothing is more important
than empathy for another human beings suffering.
Not career, not wealth, not intelligence, certainly not status.
We have to feel for one another if we are going to survive with dignity.

I believe end of life choice is a human right and should be honored . If I am terminally ill I do not wish to end my life high on morphine , to the point of being unable to move or communicate. I watched my parents and others die this way when it was the best Connecticut had to offer. If you think some people do not suffer using this method...you are wrong. All involved suffered.

It must stop for those who do not wish to succumb to illness in this way. The choice to end life in this way will still be an option if this bill is past. So, I do not understand the opposition from those who do not wish for others to have options .

We all have religious freedom, yet those against this bill are blocking my freedom to end my life with peace and dignity. Our constitution is written so that there is a separation of church and state. Anyone testifying on behalf of their religious beliefs , which are protected, should not be the dominant voice in this debate.

Please respect another's choice to die with compassion and dignity.

Those who are terminally ill do sometimes choose to take their own life by way of a gun, overdose or hanging. Please do not make these the only other options.

Please refer to bills pasted in Vermont. Working just fine, respecting all religious rites and all citizens rite to choose.

Please pass HB 5417
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