

Please OPPOSE and REJECT HB 5417, the so called "End of Life Care" Bill.

Please pay attention to the many voices of those that are disabled as represented collectively in the Second Thoughts of CT and Not Dead Yet organizations.

This kind of legislation cheapens life and puts fear in disabled persons due to the horrible history of what has happened in states like Oregon which legalized Assisted Suicide.

Many plain arguments are well stated here: <http://notdeadyet.org/disability-rights-toolkit-for-advocacy-against-legalization-of-assisted-suicide>

Alarming Health Care cuts often become severe after this kind of legislation is enacted.

If overburdened taxpayers spending on suicide prevention are now asked to support legislation providing suicide assistance, such irony will only bring confusion, if not contempt due to our state's current indebtedness.

What happens in this kind of legislation to the motivations of Doctors who took an oath to SAVE LIFE? Does it become, END LIFE?

Medical Errors are already the 3rd leading cause of death in the United States. This kind of legislation may well make it the FIRST because Doctors are not always right and should NOT be the gate keeper of death, but rather motivated to preserve the best quality of life possible.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2016/05/04/medical-errors-are-third-leading-cause-of-death-in-united-states-study.html>

People who feel overwhelmed by their chronic medical conditions do NOT need assisted suicide. They need treatment for depression, good pain management, social community, support, help, hope and encouragement in purpose for living as a gift from God.

Thank you for accepting testimonies from people gravely concerned about a frightfully wrong direction HB 5417 would take Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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