

Greetings Senators,

My name is Anne Boers. I am a resident of West Hartford, and I work as a Pro-Life advocate in the state of CT.

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on proposed House Bill 5898, which would allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of medications to enable their patients to end their lives prematurely.

I am asking you to vote NO based on the simple premise that "murder isn't healthcare". The idea of a physician dispensing medicine that does harm to the point of death, runs contrary to the role that Dr.'s are privileged to play in our society.

The role of the physician is to assist healing, prolong life, and offer hope to those who suffer.

To be in opposition to suicide is not to deny the existence of suffering on the part of the patient, but rather, is to be against the idea that killing, or murder, or death, is the solution to that problem.

I strongly urge you, before you vote, to please examine the statistics on suicide in the states where this has been legalized in our country. Wherever Assisted Suicide is legal, there is a higher rate of suicide in the state overall. Do you lawmakers want to be a part of this trend?

I have observed the abortion industry for years, and we all need to be aware that the movement to allow suicide uses the same type of language to promote its ideal. Words like- compassion, aid, dignity...but these words run in contrary to the action of the taking of another person's life.

When you take away the word "compassion", what you reveal is actually the opposite- encouraging others to end their lives prematurely, for whatever reason, eases our burden of caring for them, of validating their dignity as persons. It relieves us of "suffering" alongside them, when they are at their most vulnerable.

There is NOTHING dignified about ending your own life.

It has got to be the saddest, most despairing act a person could do.

Do we really want to encourage this in our state?

Given the advances in modern medicine, we are in a wonderful position in this day and age to ease the pain that goes along with illness, whether physical, mental, or emotional.

We also need to be aware, that when societies legalize murder, what becomes allowed, quickly becomes recommended, and then can become mandated.

The stories of abuses in countries where this is legal are many, and who knows how many individuals lives are being ended by those who do not have their best interest at heart? Please read the statistics.

As in abortion and infanticide, the concept of killing others for our own relief has existed since time began. We, in our current society need to make a decision about what side we're going to fight on. I hope that you, in your privileged position as senators in our state, will consider what this fight is really all about-

the fight for our dignity as a human race. Are we going to enact laws that protect and defend? or allow killing to happen? It is really that simple. Please vote NO and defeat this bill once and for all. Thank you.