

Honorable members of the Public Health Committee,

I am adamantly opposed to HB-5898. As a physician, practicing in Connecticut for almost a decade, I am appalled that the legislature would consider a bill that is counter to the medical mantra of "do no harm."

As an American, I am disgusted by this proposed bill. It is completely antithetical to the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" put forth in the Declaration of Independence and subsequently guaranteed by our constitution.

As a human, I am deeply grieved by this proposed bill. True human dignity is found in life. The specter of death looms over all of us at all times. A physician's prognosis of less than 6 months to live does not give one the right to end their life prematurely. Death is natural. Medical aid in dying is wholly unnatural.

Please, oppose any bill which seeks to enable Connecticut citizens to take their own lives.

Sincerely,

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