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Subject: Opposition Testimony Concerning HB 5898

To whom this may concern:

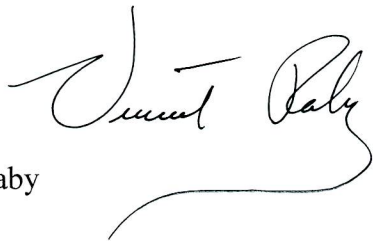
I have several years of experience working with people that had recently experienced the death of one or more loved ones. My role has been to assist them through a 9-week program designed to help them begin working through the various tasks of grief and mourning. I have personally assisted more than 40 people through this process.

I can say with near-certainty that none of those participants would have grieved less or been comforted had their loved one been permitted to terminate their life before their natural death. In fact, those that were able to spend time with their loved one as natural death approached, found comfort in being able to comfort the dying and say their goodbyes as best they could.

In further support of my point, I have found it common that the dying and their loved ones sometimes put off the option for hospice care because that they mistakenly believe that palliative medicine will shorten the natural life of the dying.

I am strongly opposed to this legislation and urge that it be defeated. If you have any questions or concerns about my testimony, I may be contacted by telephone 860-628-9425 or by email vin.raby@cox.net.

Sincerely,

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