

Public Health Committee
March 18, 2019

Testimony in Opposition to:

**HB 5898 – AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR
TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS**

My name is Robert Shea. I am a lobbyist for the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, which will be submitting separate testimony.

Today, I am submitting this testimony in my capacity as a Dad.

My 23-year-old son Jeremiah has very severe autism. Jeremiah depends on other loving and caring people all day and every day to help him with all of his activities.

My wife Rosanne and I constantly worry about what will happen with our precious son Jeremiah when we are gone. We are hoping and praying that loving and caring people will continue to take care of Jeremiah for the rest of his life.

Respectfully, we don't want any sort of law in Connecticut that allows any sort of decision to end a person's life.

Please do not support House Bill 5898.

Thank you.

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