

OPPOSED - HB 5417, An Act Concerning End-of-Life Care

Dear legislators,

The Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF), a leading national law and policy center on disability civil rights, has opposed the legalization of assisted suicide (AKA doctor-prescribed suicide) since 1999 because of the significant risks and dangers it poses to people with disabilities, people of lesser economic means, people with long-term chronic illnesses, and even people with terminal illness, along with the general public.

As our testimony, please consider the documented abuses and other serious problems listed below. All citations are found in the endnote citations from authoritative and/or prestigious sources.

If supporters of assisted suicide dismiss these documented problems and say they have been debunked, please ask for specifics, and let those of us familiar with these cases respond.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We appreciate your consideration!

Yours truly,

Marilyn Golden