

Dear Connecticut Officials including the Public Health Committee:

As a healthcare professional, this correspondence references my strong opposition to Connecticut HB5417.

The American healthcare industry has long been recognized as one of the best, if not the best, in the world. Our standard is patient-centered care. The physician-patient relationship is very important to patient-centered care. Yet, how can patients rely on their physician and healthcare team if they cannot, as a threshold expectation, count on these professionals to save their lives? The American healthcare system has long operated under the common understanding of a culture of life. That principle is now under attack.

Assisted suicide goes against the oath physicians take to "first do no harm". Assisted suicide goes against the consciences of healthcare professionals who went into healthcare to save lives in the first place.

While our healthcare professionals can do their best to predict a patient's prognosis, these professionals are not infallible. Sometimes they are wrong. With assisted suicide, they can be DEAD WRONG!

Rather than move to the culture of death, why not address the root causes of the patient's despair? Address those issues! That is PATIENT-CENTERED CARE!!!!

Without a culture of life, how can an organization claim to provide safety? Without a culture of life, patient centered care unravels. The physician-patient relationship unravels. Safety deteriorates. Quality falls. The culture of death takes over.

Jihad. Euthanasia. Eugenics. Abortion. Physician assisted suicide. Mass shootings. See the culture of death?

We could end the culture of death. Health care could lead the way. Our government could lead the way. Preserve our culture of life. America could lead the way to an international culture of life, ending the culture of death.

PRESERVE THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

People that believe in standing up for human life and dignity at every stage are not likely to be terrorists or supporters of the culture of death.

Will you uphold the American healthcare standard--Patient-centered care? Will you Speak UP for patients and preserve the physician-patient relationship with its culture of life?

Thank you for your sincere consideration of this very important information.

Make the right choice: Choose Life!

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