

Dear legislators,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to passing an assisted suicide bill in CT. Such a bill will put the elderly, the mentally ill, the disabled, and many others at risk of dying at the hands of physicians whose job it is to care for and heal, not to directly destroy.

If such a bill were to be passed, we would become a suicidal community, because the "guidelines" would become suggestions, and eventually, anyone that wanted to kill him or herself for any reason would be aided and abetted legally by their physician.

People that "want" to die in most cases are suffering in some way with no one to offer solace or comfort, and the notion that they want to die is just a placebo for the human help they need and deserve.

We can do much better for our citizens than to allow their doctors to kill them. Please enact bills and laws that will assist those in need rather than to kill those in need.

Thanks for your consideration,

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