



TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO 2024 – H7100 ASSISTED SUICIDE
2/15/24 HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

While proponents now prefer to call it by other names, House Bill 7100 seeks to legalize a practice described in the Rhode Island Criminal Code as “Assisted Suicide” (RIGL 11-60). Assisted Suicide is not medicine. It is bad public policy that puts unsuspecting people at risk. It is a recipe for abuse of the elderly, for the inhumane treatment of individuals regarded as a burden, and for exploitation of any one of us who may have possessions coveted by potential heirs.

The Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee believes that the concern of the State of Rhode Island should be to improve access to legitimate care for all Rhode Islanders, especially those who are most vulnerable. We ask you to oppose this assisted suicide bill.

Respectfully submitted,
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