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Subject: request to oppose the "Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act" (2024--H7100) coming up for a vote

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My name is Christopher Deacutis. I live in North Kingstown, RI and would like to voice my disapproval of the assisted suicide proposed bill 2024-H7100. In all areas (Canada , Netherlands, U.S.-Oregon, Washington,etc.) where such "compassionate" legislation has been passed, the system *always* ends up evolving into a legal right to "dispose of" elderly and severely ill people who have no one watching out for them in order to decrease the financial costs of allowing their continued existence. In some cases, family members who no longer want to deal with the situation will guilt the individual to agreeing to have "assistance" to end their life.

Instead, the State Legislators should push a bill that protects the right of individuals to get maximum palliative care , with maximum assistance in minimizing pain they endure under their medical conditions.

I ask each of you to please oppose this and any bill that seeks to "get rid of problems" through any type of "compassionate care" that is actually a legalization of suicide.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christopher Deacutis

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