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Chair and Committee,

I am Donald Cavanaugh of Warwick, RI, a Catholic, and opposed to H-7100. Many years ago, I remember listening to RI talk radio discussing attempted suicide as a crime or a mental illness. I am assuming back then there was a movement to decriminalize attempting suicide. Today, we are looking at legislation proposing State sanctioning of Physician Assisted Suicide. As with Bioethical Issues we are at a Moral/Medical line, this defines us. We are using the illusion of words and the use of medical professionals to carry out suicides/killing of vulnerable people.

Some one hundred years ago GK Chesterton wrote *Eugenics*, which described the altering of language by Progressives to accommodate their agenda. Today, we have H-7100 calling suicide "compassionate care," similarly killing babies "health care." Another writing one hundred years ago by Binding and Hoche; *Life Unworthy of Life*, is considered to be influential in the killing of people with mental and physical impairments in Germans. Then for more cleansing of the State, this time the Nazi Germany, killing turned to the need for racial hygiene leading to the Jewish Holocaust.

There are steppingstones and slippery slopes, and these Progressive proposals are a spiral to nihilism as people advocate for, create program/system, institutionalize these ideas into cruelty, victimization, and absurdity. Think Hannah Arendt and the *Banality of Evil*. As a Rhode Island Catholic I am opposed to this legislation.

Thank You,  
Donald Cavanaugh  
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