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Dear Members of the State of RI House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jean M. Ernster and I am a resident of Barrington, Rhode Island.

Please OPPOSE 2024--H 7100, Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act and any similar legislation. Legislation that aims to deliberately end a human life is antithetical to the integrity of health care and the responsibility of elected government officials. Legislation like this is coercive and sends the message to citizens of a society that when one is most vulnerable, they are a burden and not a human being with inherent dignity.

There are numerous intended as well as unintended negative consequences associated with such legislation that would endanger vulnerable and disabled citizens in our state. Consequences have included but not limited to, elder abuse, medical discrimination of disabled persons, denial of health insurance coverage for the disease state while offering coverage for a lethal dose, and lethal medication getting into the wrong hands.

Such legislation has had a devastating impact on the citizens of Canada

and the Netherlands. You might look into a documentary called Fatal Flaws at FatalFlawsfilm.com to familiarize yourselves with the devastation such legislation has had on individuals, families and societies. Many of the haunting questions raised in this film are manifesting in states and countries who legalize such legislation.

Thank you for proactively ensuring the prevention of such flawed legislation getting a foothold in the state of Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

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