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Physicians are healers not killers. RI legislators must refuse to grant doctors a license to kill; **REJECT H7100.**

Real physicians recognize suicide as a cry for help that can be treated. Real physicians provide compassionate care always and understand that this includes providing both a human presence, counseling, family respite and adequate pain relief when faced with end of life diseases. Real physicians always provide compassionate care. Real physicians never kill.

The physician oath to first do no harm is the basis of trust upon which the entire patient--doctor relationship rests. If the state grants physicians a "right" to kill, physicians will no longer be held to that ancient medical ethics standard. How can any patient then trust that physicians will ever act in their best interest?

Sincerely,
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