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My name is Monica Leandre. I live in North Providence. I am writing to OPPOSE Rhode Island House Bill 2024--H7100.

I am unable to attend the hearing this week. I have attended hearings in previous years on this bill's topic. In the past, the sponsor described the bill as having been written with "guardrails" in place. If a bill needs guardrails, then WHY are you introducing it? Guardrails signify the bill is UNSAFE! We don't enact unsafe laws! It was also previously stated that only a small number of people are expected to use it. Again, why would you waste your time and ours continuously introducing a bill that is both unsafe and not wanted or needed by most people. Your own words support striking down this bill!

As the elderly population continues to grow, why won't you start introducing bills that will help give them a better quality of life rather than take their lives away? Many elderly people are either lonely or feel they are a burden to others. Why can't we work on caring for them and helping them emotionally, as well as physically, so that they won't feel the need to choose death in desperation. We have laws that protect the elderly from those who prey upon them. This bill preys upon the elderly in their time of need.

As citizens, we depend on you to pass bills that will protect us! As I get older and older, I fear living in a world where I will be unable to depend on healthcare professionals to provide healthcare and not try to kill me.

Please vote AGAINST H7100 and any other similar effort. There is nothing compassionate about assisting in suicide! Please stop wasting our time bringing up bills that will harm us and our families.

Thank you,
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