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Subject: Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act" (2025-H5219)
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Dear Honorable Representatives:

I am writing about the Lila Mansfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act (2025-H5219)

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Please OPPOSE this dangerous legislation.
There are many reasons that this bill is of grave concern.
To list a few:

- 1.) It is not compassionate care... it is often coercion. A terminally ill patient needs REAL care and compassion, including Hospice and the addressing of the patient's fear, depression, or pain. With assisted suicide these helpful, potentially consoling remedies are often excluded for the quicker option of killing the patient.
- 2.) This bill can help medical insurance companies not have to pay for patient care ... in Oregon and California where assisted suicide is legal, many patients are denied palliative care and even life saving measures and receive only the option of suicide because it is far more cost effective.
- 3.) There is concern of hastening death to enable harvesting of body parts from patients. (again, financial motivations)
- 4.) To predict the Future time of a patient's death specifically as to when the patient has only 6 months to live, is very difficult to do with any certainty.
- 5.) Many illnesses are considered "terminal" including diabetes and disabilities. These are cases in which the patient may live longer than 6 months.
- 6.) No medical personnel need be present at the death of the patient.... so there are no assurances that the patient wasn't coerced or given the lethal dose without their knowledge by someone who would gain from their early demise (as in their heirs or care givers)

These are just a few of the serious considerations that should alert one to the grave danger of this legislation I encourage OPPOSITION to this Assisted Suicide Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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