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My name is Eric Pearson and I live in Richmond, RI. I am writing to urge you to vote against H 5219.

H5572 is not about patient care, but about allowing a patient to end his life by his direct hand. That is by definition suicide, notwithstanding the doublespeak in Section 23-4.15-12.

Once we have opened this door and are on the assisted suicide slope, history shows that there is only one direction to go, and that is down. This is evident in Oregon and California, and especially in Europe. To believe that safeguards will be sufficient or remain unchanged is a delusion. Mistakes in diagnosis, abuse and coercion will follow, along with pressure to expand the categories of eligible candidates, even minors. Witness the legislation adopted in Canada to expand the “right” to physician assisted suicide to the disabled. And that right to die may soon lead to a duty to die. The lessons of history are clear and loudly warn against any assisted suicide legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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