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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to urge you to oppose H 5219, which would legalize assisted suicide.

In addition to being immoral (because assisted suicide, like the killing of all innocent persons, is immoral), the bill is reckless. The legalization of assisted suicide for the terminally ill inevitably expands to embrace other vulnerable groups, like the disabled and mentally ill. So-called safeguards fail.

I would urge you and all your fellow legislators to focus, instead, on improving palliative care and suicide prevention.

With all best wishes,

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PS I say more about the dangers of legalizing assisted suicide in an op-ed that was published in the Providence Journal in 2021: <https://www.providencejournal.com/story/opinion/2021/03/04/opinion-butera-legalized-assisted-suicide-targets-our-most-vulnerable/4568115001/>