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Dear Representatives: My name is Peter Magnotta. I reside in Narragansett, RI. I am writing to you today to ask you to please vote against H5219, and any other efforts to legalize assisted suicide in Rhode Island. Physician assisted suicide diminishes the priceless quality and dignity of each person, it doesn't take into account a person's mental health impairment when in a suffering state, it opens the door for abuse, it is also a slippery slope to gradually expand what is acceptable for physician assisted suicide, and then to even, over time, legalize euthanasia. For example, Canada not only had legalized physician assisted suicide, but also legalized euthanasia under the name, "Medical Assistance in Dying." Canada now allows anyone eighteen or older with a vaguely deemed serious disability to be euthanized (cf, <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-services-benefits/medical-assistance-dying.html>). I believe physician assisted suicide is a form of false compassion, and morally and philosophically wrong. But, I also believe that it is unnecessary from a medical perspective, especially with the many pain treatments available. Physician assisted suicide will open up Pandora's box, and it will be abused and expanded in reference to what criteria are allowed for eligibility. It is simply wrong. Please think long and hard about the immediate and long-term ramifications and impact if you vote yes on H5219. Please follow the Hippocratic Oath and vote no on H5219. Thank you for your consideration, Peter Magnotta