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Good morning members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rose Dussault and I live in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. I have resided in Rhode Island my entire life and take great pride in being from this venerable state.

Today you will all be part of a hearing on the "Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act", which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Rhode Island. Our lives are all great gifts, each and every one a unique and unrepeatable miracle. No man knows how long his life will be and when it is ordained to come to its end. Providing dignified end of life care is essential, but this does not include helping people to artificially end their life before their time. To live is better than not to live, as the great philosopher Aristotle said, and it is yours and my responsibility to defend the right to life for all people, no matter age or infirmity.

Therefore, as a citizen of the State of Rhode Island, I am calling upon you to vote against the "Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act" (H5219) and any future attempts to legalize assisted suicide and similar programs. Remember that the authority you possess was given to you by the people of Rhode Island and allowed by God Himself, and at the end of our own lives, we too will answer to Him for our actions in this life.

May God bless you and keep you, granting you peace and wisdom in this life, and happiness in the next. Thank you all for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,  
Rose Dussault