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My name is Christopher Deacutis. I am a citizen of Rhode Island and own my house in North Kingstown, RI. I have been a resident of N.K since 1978.

I respectfully ask all of you to vote AGAINST the "Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act" [2026-H7760](#) .

I follow the situation globally and within the U.S. on such bills, and they always pitch these bills with horrific stories of suffering and pain and people with capable minds pleading to be "put down" by their doctors. There are 2 problems with this situation: 1) there is great need for palliative assistance which is poor in RI and elsewhere. You representatives probably know better than I why this is...liability of law suits if the person dies ? (this could be corrected by legislation that doesn't encourage suicide but has the patient agree to take risks for the palliative care) ;

the 2nd aspect is the fact that ALL such legislation has slowly expanded in many countries to include those who do NOT have a terminal diagnosis, with many having depression or other treatable psychiatric symptoms and even those who are just elderly and

mentally have been pushed by family etc. to be a liability and so feel obligated to be taken down.

Belgium allowed minors to decide to be euthanized starting in 2014.

Canada has an atrocious record, with MAID now including an incident where an elderly Ontario woman requested palliative hospice care, but the spouse was feeling burnout and had her euthanized AGAINST her will (<https://people.com/husband-pushes-wife-to-end-her-life-with-medical-aid-in-dying-11897734>) ! Canada, one of the most abusive countries for this procedure, has a lengthy record of getting rid of high cost medical "problems" by pushing this "way out" vs giving palliative care ! (<https://joynews.co.za/canada-is-showing-us-the-true-ugly-colours-of-euthanasia/>)

I could bore you with several pages of further examples, but I think this suffices to underscore the major weaknesses with legislated euthanasia. I would ask you to consider other ways to assist those in need of palliative care vs looking for the short and cheap model: "off 'em"

Best Regards,

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