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Subject: House Bill 2026- H7760 (against)

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Dear Members of the R.I. House Judiciary Committee:

I am stating my opposition to House bill, 2026 - H 7760, the so-named Compassion Care Act. This name is truly a misnomer for I do not understand how giving an overdose or denying essential care to a human being is compassionate. This bill legalizes or denies treatments that ultimately kill the patient. Our lives have a purpose and choosing to end that life by suicide or unjustified means is not right. Those in favor of the bill say that killing is justified as outlined in the bill. I say that dying is only justified by natural death, in war, or capital punishment. I do hope that you agree with me.

Euthanasia or patient assisted suicide is enabling murder and killing of a human being. It is not compassionate care to end one's suffering by a direct act or by omitting food, water or medicine. It is not a peaceful nor compassionate way to die. We all belong to one another and we all need one another. Those who favor this bill say that killing human beings is justified here. I ask when will such killing end and to what extent will these pro-choice advocates go to keep on killing humans.

Please explore what has happened in Canada since such killing was 'legalized.' It is not a very happy picture and its tenacles have reached the mentally ill there. Rhode Island does not need to join the community of death but rather the community of life and love.

Finally, I ask that you vote against this bill and put love and compassion ahead of killing and convenience. Thank you for your consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

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