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Jack and Rita Parquette  
Portsmouth.

We are writing to express our concern about and opposition to the assisted suicide bill under consideration before your House Judicial Committee on the 30th. We are visiting in California for a couple of weeks with family and will be unable to testify but will be following closely with many friends who will be there.

In Oregon and other places where these bills have been enacted, what starts with very strict controls soon evolves into lax standards and enforcement is difficult. Young treatable depression patients fall under the pall. Old folks without advocates to protect them. Elder abuse victims.

What begins as 'compassionate care' for the dying morphs into a disregard and objectification of the old, the infirm, the disabled, and disproportionately the poor. Death by poison is not compassionate care. The legislature should rather focus on help for palliative care and health care for the living.

Please tally these two voters in the strongly opposed column.

Thank you for your attention and your work on behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island.