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Subject: Oppose the "Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act"

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Dear House Judiciary Members,

I urge you to exercise your authority to halt the "Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act" (2026-H7760)". There are many areas of concern

1. An immediate red flag is that the first substantive element of the bill is **23-4.15-3. Requirements for prescription and documentation - Immunity**. We haven't even begun to talk about patients, and their conditions and physician protection is being addressed, as if to nip likely lawsuits in the bud.
 - a. Oral Requests are exactly that, how is it known they occurred?
 - b. (a)(4) The identification non-interested witness specifies no qualifications.
 - i. Does he or she understand the document the patient is signing?
 - ii. Is the witness unbiased or free from duress as a member is the physicians staff might be?
 - c. (a)(5)(ii) and (iii) "capable" and "informed decision" are vague and subject to many interpretations.
 - d. (a)(6)(ii) This statement has no parameters. The longer the life expectancy, the more subject the physician is to an inaccurate forecast. Building in a disclaimer doesn't protect a dead patient.
 - e. (a)(9) This implies patients are shopping around for physicians that have a bias towards prescribing assisted suicide. Which calls into question the physician's unbiased presentation to alternatives.
2. I could go on, but I think I'd lose my audience, but two more points:
 - a. How does one know that the patient is physically capable of administering the suicide drug? Is it a shot? Is it a sequence of pills or liquids. Can patients underdoes leaving them is a worse state?
 - b. I'm not a lawyer but I can't see how section **23-4.15-10. Immunity for physicians** is legal. Can any bill legislate that suit can't be filed against it?

I oppose this bill on moral grounds, which, for me, is a more compelling reason.

Respectfully yours,

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