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Dear members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Joseph Day. I am a resident of Cranston and I oppose this bill. The legalization of assisted suicide sends a subconscious message to society that we can use death and violence to solve our problems. In our culture of increasing rhetoric and vitriol on both sides of the political divide, the last thing we need is an affirmation that death is an acceptable solution, even if that death is seeming only “personal”. While gilded in the veneer of supposed “mercy” and “compassion,” at its core assisted suicide is still death and violence (even if that violence is veiled as “humane”) to a human person.

While the passage of this bill might be seen as innocuous now, imagine a world where people grow up with this mentality of death surrounding them. Children witnessing/being told that a parent, an aunt, an uncle, a grandparent, a cousin, a sibling, choose death as a preferable option to life. That death is okay. Over time that will wear away our moral sensibilities.

How can we as a society fight suicide and what leads to it if we at the same time say that it is fine? How can we say don't cyber bully, don't shame, don't judge, because it might lead to someone killing themselves, if we have already deemed it okay? It is fine just as long as a doctor does it? Is it fine so long as someone profits off of it?

That is the truly ugly shadow behind all of this, greed. The passage of this bill shows that those who want to profit while causing the death of others win. Even just a few decades ago the passage of such a bill would seem unthinkable, morally outrageous. So, how will it look in fifty years or a hundred year? Would people of that time look back on us and find it horrific that a group of legislatures decided it was okay for their citizens to kill themselves as long as companies profited?

Thank you for your consideration and time in reading this. I wish all of you the best.

- Joseph Day