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Testimony in Opposition to 2026-H7060 “The Lila Manfield Spanisley Compassionate Care Act.”

Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am Kevin Conway, 145 Pig Hill Rd, Coventry, RI 02827. As a citizen of Rhode Island I am concerned with House bill 7760 and its effect on the terminally ill.

Passage of this bill doesn't help the terminally ill. This bill will be amended for years to come. Each brings us closer to euthanasia. Despite it currently saying otherwise. Go to the website deathwithdignity.org/states. This site is used by proponents of assisted suicide and shows what's in our future. According to the *American Medical Association Code of Ethics*, assisted suicide and euthanasia were rejected in 1994 and in June 2025.

Looking back to 1996 when my 75 year old mother was diagnosed with colon cancer that metastasized to other areas such as her liver and stomach. During the 5 years that followed she was fortunate to be under the care of a fine doctor and subsequently hospice care. Sadly 5 years later in 2001 she passed away.

My wife and I had also been diagnosed with cancer. Mine 4 years ago, her's 2. The cancers were found in time and we are doing well. That doesn't mean that they couldn't manifest again. I wouldn't want assisted suicide offered as an option.

Please do the right thing. No matter what acronym you hear from proponents of assisted suicide. This isn't death with dignity. It is suicide achieved by a prescription. Please kill this bill instead of this bill killing our terminally ill.

Thank you for your time,
Kevin Conway