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Hello and thank you for receiving my email as testimony **against the H7760**, for which you are hearing from your constituents today at RI State House.

My name is Maureen Rego and I reside in Little Compton, RI. I am 66 years old and have resided in this State for all of my years of life. I am saddened at our legislators who are advancing this Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act, but I am not at all surprised. I am writing to each of you today, to ask you to **please vote against this H7760**. You may call a piece of legislation "Compassionate Care" and even name it after a long ago admired person of our State, Lila Sapinsley, but it's still a very bad piece of legislation because of the harm that it will cause to others in declaring that suffering in death has no merit, has no value, is too costly, is too time consuming for caregivers, it too burdensome for loved ones and before you may realize, not only are our medical professionals steering people toward ending their lives, but our insurance companies are sending ultimatums, of ending insurances, etc. on a dying person. If you cannot see how this advances pressure on the terminally ill, the elderly, those living with cancers and other fatal diagnosis', those just tired of living, and works it's way towards others with life long diseases and mental health problems, **then you are truly not forward thinking.**

This is the slippery slope of the Culture of Death and here we are, years after we've already declared that a mother may take the life of a child within her womb, through an abortion, and we are looking at a society that has **lost it's sense of the sacred**. And all life is sacred. And you are not the Author and Giver of Life. You are not given authority by your constituents to allow this to come to pass in our State. That being said, i know that you are under extreme pressure to pass this legislation by those who would like to see this next godless legislation, from groups that actually endorse ending lives. These groups, like the Hemlock Society are so very pleased to advance an agenda that seeks to promote death.

If you are unaware of what some of the cases in our neighboring country of Canada that are happening because they have adopted similar legislation like H7760, then you are not doing your job as competent, and knowledgeable legislators. Already, there are Canadians who are being coerced into ending their lives. But if you are not looking for those stories then I fear, that you have already made up your mind and are not open to hearing from those that will speak today against H7760. And that is truly the most discouraging aspect of the work of some of our legislators, that they blindly follow the dictates of their party and turn a blind eye to the vast majority of Rhode Islanders who do not want assisted suicide to be introduced as an option for those who are considering ending their lives.

I pray that all of you will take time to be a good listener today, to listen to the voices of reason, to consider the harm that will be promoted by assisted suicide and to be someone who is willing to help build a Culture of Life. I pray that you all have the wisdom of King Solomon today. Do not allow our State to sin against God.

I thank you for reading this long email and please know that I, like you and like most Rhode Islanders, care deeply to help those who are facing death, to alleviate their pain and sorrow at the approaching hours, to be a source of strength, to hold a hand, to help with family members, but to *allow the dignity to die a natural death* and not facilitate death with unnatural methods.

God Bless you,

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