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Hello,

My name is Michael Bennett and I live in Providence. I am writing to oppose bill H7760 and to ask you to vote against it. I am deeply worried about the impact this bill would have and have 2 key concerns.

1. Where does a law like this end once you start down this path? Once introduced, it immediately will get questions like 'why is this only available to those with terminal illnesses'? In Canada, medically assisted suicide started out in 2016 as a procedure for people with an incurable medical condition, an irreversible decline in capability, who were approaching natural death, and who were experiencing intolerable suffering. Since then, it has been expanded outside end-of-life and is available to disabled individuals who are not dying. In 2027, Canada is set to evaluate whether it should be made available to those solely suffering from a mental illness.
2. We have a duty to make everyone feel their life is as valuable as everyone else's - those who are suffering and nearing a natural death, those who are elderly, those who are disabled, those who are suffering mental illness, and others. When we introduce a law like this, we start to gnaw away at everyone feeling their life is valued. Why are they offering me this option and not others? Am I a burden? Is my life not as valuable? I don't want to see our most vulnerable suffer because of this.

Thank you for listening to my concerns

Michael Bennett