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Dear Honorable Representative,

My name is Dr. Michelle Cretella, and I am a resident of Westerly, Rhode Island. I am writing to urge you to **vote against H7760** and all similar legislation.

1) Assisted Suicide intentionally aids vulnerable patients in killing themselves. Killing is not healthcare.

2) Assisted Suicide is Dangerous and Discriminatory. It is the cheapest and most expedient way for insurance companies and abusive family members to stop paying for a patient's ongoing healthcare. Patients with disabilities are particularly vulnerable: [Dangers - Patients Rights Action Fund](#) .

3) Predictions of life expectancy are notoriously poor. Even the NIH has demonstrated these estimates are accurate in less than half of cases. <https://www.bmj.com/content/320/7233/469>

4) A request for suicide is a cry for authentic and ethical personal care--the mitigation of pain and accompiament through fear. Data from Oregon reveals the most common reasons patients request assisted suicide relate to a lack of support and services: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PROVIDERPARTNERRESOURCES/EVALUATIONRESEARCH/DEATHWITHDIGNITYACT/Documents/year24.pdf#page=1> Attention must go toward the provision of support and services including palliative care and hospice at home.

5) U.S. data reveals that Assisted Suicide Laws increase suicide rates, especially among women. <https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/assisted-suicide-laws-increase-suicide-rates-especially-among-women>

Murder is not medicine.  
Killing is not healthcare.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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