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Dear Senator Gu / Representative Spears,

I am a resident of Westerly and I am writing to express my opposition to the physician-assisted suicide legislation currently being considered in Rhode Island.

I have serious concerns about the potential impact these laws could have on vulnerable individuals, including the elderly, people with disabilities, and those experiencing depression, isolation, or pressure from family or financial circumstances. Even with safeguards, I worry that legalizing assisted suicide could place subtle pressure on patients who already feel like a burden.

I also believe Rhode Island should focus on improving access to high-quality palliative care, hospice services, mental health support, and pain management rather than legalizing physician-assisted death. I deeply value compassionate end-of-life care, but I do not believe intentionally ending a patient's life is the right direction for our state.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community. I respectfully ask that you oppose any legislation that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,
Rachel Wheaton
Westerly, RI

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