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Good Day,

My name is Rose Van Dover and I reside at 20 Top Street in Westerly, RI. I oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide in Rhode Island. Please vote against H7760 and any other similar effort.

Suicide, the act of intentionally ending one's own life, appears in several biblical narratives and raises profound moral and spiritual questions. While the Bible does not dedicate a single passage exclusively to the subject of ending one's life, it presents sufficient principles and examples to guide an understanding of the value God places on human life and the importance of trusting Him in times of despair.

The broader teaching of Scripture consistently affirms that human life is a sacred gift from God. God alone has the prerogative to give and take life. Ending one's life prematurely disregards the honor due to God as Creator and ignores the purpose He may yet have for an individual.

Scripture does not shy away from the reality of deep sorrow and despair. Several of God's people experienced severe distress. However, in each case, God did not consent to their request for death. Instead, He provided nourishment, encouragement or correction, reminding them He was in control and that they still had a part to play in His plan. This pattern illustrates that when people of faith confront despair, God provides ways to endure and find hope, rather than advising self-destruction.

The government has no business getting involved in this issue and so many more. Less government, less taxes, less involvement on your part. I know you will make the right decision and reject this Bill. If not, you will have blood on your hands for the many lives you will allow to be taken.

Respectfully
Rose Van Dover