

## Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act" (2026-H7760)

My name is Susan Rabideau. I live at 17 Sandra Drive in Bristol.

I am very opposed to this bill. I ask that you vote against Bill H7760 and any other similar bill that would legalize assisted suicide.

There is compelling evidence that legalizing assisted suicide undermines efforts to maintain and improve good care for patients nearing the end of life, including patients who never wanted assisted suicide. My mom, Ida Hoffma, is 99 years old and lives a very happy life at Grace Barker Nursing Home in Warren. She receives compassionate care every day. She often says that while she is not happy to be old, she is happy to be alive! My mom is of sound mind– she retains her ability to have a conversation and to play cards (we play cribbage often and she usually beats me) –she is capable of making informed decisions for herself. However, I believe

that she could easily be coerced into thinking that her life is a burden and that it would be best for everyone if she ended her life. This bill does not do enough to protect elderly people from this type of situation. My Mom's life is valuable to me and I hope it is to you. She deserves good, compassionate care until the end of her natural life.

I also believe that legalized suicide will also hurt the poor in our society. My mom is now on Medicaid. Laws like this would create opposition between her and insurance companies and government programs that are interested in saving money. In my opinion, more poor people will be "assisted" (to end their lives), than wealthy ones, if bills like this become legal.

I ask you to please vote against this, and similar bills.

I thank you for your consideration,  
Susan Rabideau

