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Dear Representative on the House Judiciary Committee in the great state of Rhode Island!

My name is Theresa Cote and I live in Tiverton and have lived here all of my life. I am a true and happy Tivertonian!

I truly oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide in Rhode Island. It makes me so sad to think that this could happen here.

I have followed the effects of the MAiD legislation in Canada where since 2016 they are now debating including the mentally ill on their list of people who would be eligible to choose suicide. Their list of eligible people has moved from the terminally ill to the mentally ill in 10 short years. Assisted suicide in Canada is now the 5th leading cause of death with about 100,000 people who have chosen this as means of killing themselves.

I fear that our communities will become one where the elderly, disabled, homeless, vulnerable and even children will feel a "duty to choose to kill themselves" for the betterment of society or to "not be a burden". It truly makes me sick if this is the direction we will be moving toward.

Please, I beg you to vote against this bill H7760 or any other similar effort!

What we need is to love one another. Please put your efforts into caring for the sick and vulnerable in our state and society to create a culture that nurtures individuals rather than one that eliminates the problem. Our society is becoming very hard and brittle. Let's not add more callousness!

May God bless you in your efforts. I thank you for choosing to serve our state in your capacity as our State Representative!

Sincerely,
Theresa Cote
Tiverton