

I am adamantly opposed to HB933! Doctors cannot accurately tell when a person is going to die. An excellent example of this was Steven Hawking who at the age of 21 was told by doctors that he could only expect to live 2 more years, but instead became a well-known scientist who lived 53 years beyond that life assessment. Look at what would have been lost if he had been encouraged to choose suicide instead of the productive that he led. Only God knows the time of a natural death and giving terminally ill people loving care gives them and their death dignity, whereas giving them poison so that they may be discarded does not.

When humans believe that they can take lives' duration from Gods' hands, they are stepping onto a very dangerous and slippery slope. Insurance companies will begin refusing to pay for medications and offer suicide as an option instead. In Europe these types of laws have morphed into a way to kill instead of caring for mentally depressed persons, mentally ill persons, mentally handicapped persons, physically handicapped persons or just used to free up a hospital bed. Grandparents are being killed by their children and grandchildren because their descendants love and want to protect their inheritance rather than their ancestors. Life and love are almost synonymous and to destroy life is to destroy love.

Both the Maryland and the US constitution were, by the original writers thereof, based on Divine Law. Divine law does not change or evolve. Just as God is in the forever and unchangeable present, so is His law "Thou shall not kill! " When your members took office, they swore an oath before this Divine Being to uphold the laws and Constitutions based on His divine law. If you do other than follow His divine guidance, you are putting both yourselves and this state in a perilous position.

I am utterly ashamed of how members of this country's democratic party are reveling in death and celebrate their attempts to usurp the authority of God over life as they provide for the destruction of the innocent and the frail! Our country's fathers founded a Christian country, but we are in danger of becoming the equivalent of a pagan empire such as was the Roman Empire. World war II was fought against a government that felt it was allowable to provide for the removal of those it deemed were not a benefit to or wanted by those who held power over them. Are we going to move in the very same direction that this country fought against then?

Thank you for your attention,

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