

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to you to ask that you please oppose SB845/HB933 Assisted Suicide.

In 2019 I lost my Grandfather to dementia. Before this, he spent over a year on donepezil, which is a medication to help treat the symptoms of this devastating disease. A family member who was given the medical power of attorney over him decided on their own that he should no longer be on this medication due to unknown reasons. Over the course of just a few months his dementia rapidly progressed, and his quality of life suffered greatly. We lost him shortly after that.

I strongly believe that if the HB933/SB845 bill is passed that many people will be at risk of losing their lives in the hands of potentially unjust medical power of attorney's. Like in the case of my Grandfather who did not have a voice to say whether or not he wanted to be taken off of donepezil. Many may find themselves in a position of not being able to make such a serious decision as this on their own because their rights have already been taken away. They may be prescribed these pills that unlawfully ends their lives with no say so of their own.

Because of this, I respectfully ask you to oppose legislation to legalize SB845/HB933 Assisted Suicide.

Thank you so much,

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