

**TESTIMONY AGAINST SB845 – END OF LIFE OPTION ACT**

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**SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE**

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**Dear Committee Members,**

**I am reaching out to you, as leaders, to not accept the culture of killing that we have allowed to permeate society. It is scary. Yet we wonder why killers don't value life.**

**Our middle-age and young people have grown up with easy access and use of abortion which casually kills a beating heartbeat and growing human. Now with this bill, encouraging killing by allowing someone to take their own life, kills a human that may want out.**

**Humans by nature want to be in control. But we are only human and make a mess of things as we do not hold the wisdom necessary to make judgements on who should live and who should die. But nature knows. A supreme being knows.**

**There are other ways than this bill to die. Hospice and Palliative Care have trained staff to provide medications and other support, covered by insurance, to keep a patient and their family comfortable and supported.**

**We are not asked to be born, and we should not ask to die. Let us love one another and care for each other whatever our circle of life encompasses.**

**Thank you for your consideration, and I urge an UNF on SB845.**