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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB0926 - End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act)

Dear Senators,

We strongly oppose and respectfully request that you vote against this bill.

We support the Maryland Federation of Republican Women's reasons for opposing this bill some of which are:

- Physicians often cannot definitively forecast how long a patient will live.
- Most pain can be relieved or eliminated with medicine or other treatments.
- It is immoral to encourage a person to take their own life.
- Once assisted suicide is legalized, patients may be pressured to end their lives.
- Assisted suicide could be expanded in the future to include teens and children.
- Parents could choose to eliminate infants if they have a disability.
- Patients who do not accept assisted suicide could be kept unconscious and denied nourishment to hasten death.
- Patients with serious illness can be denied treatment as "not appropriate".
- Lethal drugs prescribed for an individual may end up killing someone else by error or purpose.
- People could be denied economic and home health assistance.

These bills, that promote these policies, are harming us, not helping us, and all for an agenda that a small margin of Marylanders MAY want. We believe that these death legislations are being pushed on us from zealots at the federal level and special interest groups that have a sinister agenda.

WHO IS REALLY BEHIND THIS LEGISLATION? WHOSE SPECIAL INTEREST IS IT? DID THIS COME FROM A MARYLAND CITIZEN OR FROM SOMEONE ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL OR A SPECIAL INTEREST LOBBYIST?

We expect you to PUT MARYLANDERS FIRST and oppose this bill. If a bill does not enhance the life and well-being of us then it shouldn't become law.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers