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Thank you for the opportunity to voice my position on this very harmful bill.

I oppose this bill, because it represents a devaluation of human life and lowers that standard to what we attribute to animals. In other words, this bill provides a legal opportunity for human beings to relieve themselves and/or others of the inconvenience of a burdensome life. This is simply a furtherance of the practise of eugenics and will ultimately lead us down the road of legalized extermination of human beings that cannot justify their existence or create an inconvenience to society as a whole.

We are better than this and human beings are not animals. Every human being has worth and potential. We spend a lot of time and resources trying to talk people out of self-harm and this bill would essentially nullify the rationale of preventing suicide and, in this case, selfish interests in many cases. We should emphasize care, never harm. And our doctors and nurses should never be put in a position where there are required to provide or refer self-elimination to any patient. Fifteen day waiting period and allowing non-physicians to prescribe such means is antithetical to care in the extreme.