

I'm writing this email to
strongly
urge you to vote no on HB 4135.

This bill will put dementia and Alzheimer's patients in great danger. We don't need to rush the process of updating advance directives without ensuring legal protections for these vulnerable people are kept in place. Looking ahead to when any of us could end up being a vulnerable Dementia or Alzheimer's patient— would we want someone to have the take away our basic human right to food and water?

The new law would give a healthcare representative the authority to make life-ending decisions for a patient, unless they expressly did not give them permission in their advance directive. This could open a lot of doors that should not be opened.

We should all be very concerned about this. Protecting innocent human life is of the up most importance. Those who cannot defend themselves are the ones we must speak up for. Each life is precious. The elderly are to be respected and cared for!

This bill would put the lives of elderly and dementia patients at great risk.

I strongly urge you to vote no and protect innocent human life.

Thank you,

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