

You must vote no on HB 4135. The bill does not provide the most vulnerable the protection they deserve and desire.

I have watched my mother-in-law wither from the devastation wrought by Alzheimer's. However, I know that she has the will and desire to live as long as she can.

Every Sunday I spend lunch with her. Even though she has limited recognition of who I am and little, if any, ability to understand conversation, she knows that she needs to eat. I watch as she repeatedly brings her fork to the plate, stabbing and scooping at no food, and bringing the fork to her mouth with nothing on it. She will do this until she finally obtains some food on the fork and brings it to her mouth and places it in. Once that food makes it to her mouth, she usually displays some form of satisfaction, verbally or facially.

Her basic instinct is to LIVE.

Do not take this away from her and just as important, do not pass a law that will allow you to take her away from me.