



Margaret Dore Esq., MBA, to Testify Before New York Assembly Health Committee

NEW YORK, USA, May 3, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Margaret Dore, president of Choice is an Illusion, a nonprofit corporation, which has been fighting assisted suicide and euthanasia legalization throughout the United States, made the following statement in anticipation of her upcoming testimony before the New York Assembly Health Committee in opposition to a New York bill seeking to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia.. (Bill A.2383-A; New York City Assembly Hearing Room, 19th Floor, 250 Broadway, hearing today May 3, 2018, 11 am through this evening)

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“The bill is sold as ‘aid in dying,’ which is a traditional euphemism for assisted suicide and euthanasia,” said Dore. “The term is also misleading in the context of the bill, which is not limited to dying people.”

Dore explained, “The bill seeks to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia for people who are ‘terminal,’ which is defined as a doctor’s prediction of less than six months to live. In real life, such persons can have years or decades to live.”

“Doctors can be wrong about life expectancy, sometimes way wrong,” said Dore. “This is due to actual mistakes (the test results got switched) and the fact that predicting life expectancy is not an exact science. A few years ago, I was met at the airport by a man who at age 18 had been diagnosed with ALS and given 3 to 5 years to live, at which time he was predicted to die by paralysis. His diagnosis had been confirmed by the Mayo Clinic. When he met me at the airport, he was 74 years old. The disease progression had stopped on its own.”

Dore added, “The bill is sold as an enhancement of individual choice and control. This claim ignores that persons assisting a suicide can have an agenda.” Dore explained, “Consider Tami Sawyer, trustee for Thomas Middleton in Oregon. Two days after his death by legal assisted suicide, she sold his home and deposited the proceeds into bank accounts for her own benefit.”

“Consider also the language of the proposed bill,” said Dore. “The patient’s heir, who will financially benefit from the patient’s death, is allowed to actively participate in signing the patient up for the lethal dose. After that, no doctor, not even a witness, is required to be present at the death. If the patient objected or even struggled, who would know? The bill will create the perfect crime.”

“Other states are pushing back against assisted suicide,” said Dore. “This year, Utah passed a bill clarifying that assisted suicide is a crime. Last year, Alabama passed a bill banning assisted suicide. Two years ago, the New Mexico Supreme Court overturned assisted suicide: Physician-assisted suicide is no longer legal in New Mexico.”

“If the New York bill becomes law, there will be new lethal paths of abuse, which will be legally sanctioned,” said Dore. “People with years, even decades to live, will be encouraged to throw away their lives, or have their lives thrown away for them. I urge the New York Assembly Health Committee

to reject the proposed bill.”

For more information:

1. Margaret Dore, Analysis of New York Bill A 2383-A, May 2, 2018, memo and appendix, at <https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/ny-bill-analysis.pdf> and <https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/ny-bill-appendix.pdf>

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