

My Concerns about HF1930 and SF1813

These proposed bills are atrocious and I am deeply concerned because I do not believe they reflect the vast majority of Minnesotans who believe that for a terminally ill person there are more humane dignified ways to die. To administer a drug which causes death without any mental health evaluation or family notification requirements is putting way too much power in the hands of doctors and poses the possibility of them being able to decide someone is too disabled to live, or has no chance of surviving. But medical books, journals of all kinds and scientific literature are filled with cases of people who overcome the odds and go on to have productive lives.

Naturally anyone who has undergone an accident that leaves them with significant disabilities can't imagine life going on that way. That's how I was after I first became totally blind in an accident and then sustained a spinal cord injury leaving me a power wheelchair user. But today I own my own business, am thriving in my community and would not trade my circumstances for one minute.

I urge you not to pass this legislation.

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