Marcos Lopez Testimony Against H.F. 1930

To the Chairwoman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Marcos Lopez and I am the national chairman for the <u>American Solidarity Party</u>, a political party that advocates for the preservation of human life at all stages. I believe H.F. 1930, if passed, would be a dangerous step toward the normalization of euthanasia in the state of Minnesota. We see across the world when healthcare systems prioritize efficiency and cost rather than care for the patient, killing of patients through assisted suicide becomes an enticing option.

I urge you to think about the many Minnesotans who face chronic illness, disability, and mental illnesses such as depression. H.F. 1930 would open the door for doctors to pressure patients into dying rather than continuing care. If passed, this legislation will also disproportionately affect poor people who cannot even hope to afford the medical care they need to survive in many cases. It would be a tragedy for them to choose death in the face of financial hardship. Now is the time to stand against killing and stand for living.

I hope that you will consider this matter very seriously and vote against H.F. 1930.