

2. The Center for Human Life and Bioethics recognizes that the appeal in the above-captioned matter is likely to present this Court with a number of issues in areas where the Center maintains some specialized knowledge and interest. These areas will likely include issues concerning the inherent dignity of the individual. In particular, this Court will likely be called upon to articulate any special considerations involved in ensuring that the inherent dignity of severely disabled citizens is respected and protected.

3. With this Court's permission, the Center would like to provide historical background as to the role played by the three branches of government in respecting and protecting those rights. In particular, the Center will address the historical interplay in this realm between the legislative branch and the judiciary.

4. The Center would like to add an historical perspective to this discussion to support the Appellant's position that the enactment of Ch. 2003-418 and the Governor's actions pursuant thereto were valid and appropriate actions which do not offend the doctrine of separation of powers and which further the state's interest in protecting the inherent dignity of human life, particularly for those who cannot speak for themselves.

5. In the context of this discussion, the Center will also seek to assist the Court by explaining the history of guardianship laws and their relationship to the powers of the legislative and executive branches without duplicating the arguments of the parties.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests this Court grant permission to file an amicus curiae brief in this matter.

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