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DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE
To My Legislator,
As your constituent, I urge you to oppose legislation that would legalize doctor-assisted suicide.

Assisted suicide violates the physician's oath to heal and comfort their patients, and to do no harm. Death is not a medical treatment.

This bill is particularly dangerous for some of the most vulnerable citizens of our state: the elderly, the poor, the depressed, and people living with disabilities. These people can be pressured into choosing death over life by health insurance decisions to fund the least costly treatment, by family members feeling over-burdened or even those wishing to exploit their loved ones. The so-called safeguards that lawmakers say will protect against coercion are ineffective and unenforceable. It has been seen in other countries that legalizing assisted suicide inevitably leads to euthanasia.

I strongly urge you to oppose this bill and all efforts to legalize "medical aid-in-dying" (the euphemism for doctor-assisted suicide). Please work instead to strengthen programs of hospice and palliative care for the terminally ill. Thank you for listening to the concerns of your constituency.

Sincerely,

Name of Resident
Address of Resident including Zip Code