Dear Members of the Health Finance & Policy Committee,

I'm opposed to legalizing physician assisted suicide (also known as Medical Aid in Dying - Maid)).  The State of Minnesota is known for its excellent medical care with outstanding providers such as the Mayo Clinic.  The State of Minnesot must keep this reputation as a State that cares, and does not kill those who are ending their life's journey.

People who have disabilities and people with terminal illnesses need to have the best care and resources available; not a 'final solution' of death by medical providers.  Yes, I used the phrase 'final solution' purposely because in the 1930's the Nazi regime in Germany first killed disabled people before starting the genocide of the Jews.

It may be argued that this bill only concerns adults who have a terminal illness.  Opening the  Pandora box of Maid has shown in different states and countries that what starts as a limited eligibility for Maid is soon expanded to include minors and people who have a disability. In other countries and states it has been applied to those who only have a psychiatric illness.  It has also been applied to those who have a disability.

To allow a medical professional to kill a patient smashes the basis of trust in the patient - medical provider relationship.

Maid will be used especially on those who are lacking in resources:  persons of color, and others who do not have the financial resources available.

I strongly urge you to vote against this bill while it is in committee.

Sincerely,

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