The proposed assisted suicide bill (<u>HF1930</u> & <u>SF1813</u>) would **legalize physician-assisted suicide** in Minnesota.

I have been a Family Nurse Practitioner since 1991 working with all age groups in all stages of life, from pediatrics to geriatrics. There can never be a "service" that us in healthcare provide lethal meds to those who want to take their own life. If they don't value their life, they need spiritual or psychological care. If they claim they are of sound mind and we cooperate with this, we are assisting in suicide of a person holding to a very dangerous state of mind they are in. Handing out these meds when they see no hope, insist they want to die, this is against all ethics of caring. It is taking away their ability to change their mindset even if they cling to it for months. So many can deal well and suffer well and have a change of heart and see hope for themselves and bring hope to others, yes they can do good in the world even from their sick bed, with their words, prayers, their example to others, and their work to overcome the darkness they are in. Life is a struggle and we all have different times and weights of our struggles. We are not animals to be put down! We have human souls and we help one another. This plan to give out pills so they can kill themelves, the more it is used, the more it will become casual, easy to choose for those who feel worthless, in a darkness. This will kill the vulnerable who instead deserve love all the way to the end. These pills are a failure of true caring, failure to accompany those in despair, failure to love and sacrifice for others, failure of humanity! Hospice care can handle the worst severe cases of pain, they can already get all the meds they need in due time, in due time...

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