**Oppose Legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide**

As a retired registered nurse who spent the majority of a 30+ year nursing career caring for individuals in different forms of long term care, including Hospice, I am very opposed to any legalization of physician assisted suicide.

The final years/months/days of a person’s life can be a gift to family and friends when adequate pain relief and comfort measures are provided. Preserving quality of life until its’ natural God-given end should be our focus.

The basic right that should be guaranteed for each and every human person is that in their final days, they will be comfortable, well cared for, and valued….NOT that they will have the right to take their own life when physical, psychological, emotional, social, or financial problems occur.

If prioritized, our society has the ability to deal with those problems before an individual feels the need to end their life prematurely. Physician assisted suicide is not the answer!

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