

Oregon's Medical Professionals Oppose SB 579

We, the undersigned, as medical professionals, urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 579.

SB 579 would remove critical safeguards from Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law that were designed to protect patients.

The 15-day waiting period and the 48-hour waiting period exist to protect patients seeking a legal suicide.

We oppose SB 579 because removing these waiting periods sends the wrong message to patients at the end of their lives. It would tell them:

- Their inherent worth is somehow less at the end of their lives.
- They are correct in their underlying worries about being useless or a burden, or their feelings of fear and loneliness.
- That lower health care expenses and convenience is of more importance than the last few days of their lives.

SB 579 asks us, as physicians and medical professionals, to use our skills to end lives instead of saving them.

We urge you to VOTE NO on SB 579.

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