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Quite frankly, the Death with Dignity bill is disgusting, and it's expansion is nothing short of predatory. Instead of the care that people in pain deserve, to ameliorate and help people manage that pain and other disabilities, you offer them death. This recent expansion seeks to reduce the timeline to further capitalize on people who would otherwise change their minds and value their lives. Expanding it to those who would travel in for death tourism can only be explained through greed for money.

There is no dignity at murder for medicine. We don't want this to be expanded, and in other states, if we wanted our citizens to be murdered at the hands of doctors, then we would have legalized it ourselves. No good state wants this available. It's barbaric and backwards. You would think we were in the ancient world with so-called mercy killings where no pain medicine was invented yet and our only recourse was to slay someone injured. This precedence is dangerous and its expansion will further damage healthcare by being the "First Solution" to offer.

Instead of pointing towards further developments in medicine, doctors will suggest that you can always just be murdered by the doctor. This will be their first offer to chronic pain, even while drugs to manage pain are being furthered and developed every day.

Lawmakers must understand that there is a purpose to life, even one that is wrought with pain. I'm sure that it is tough to understand this outside of a Christian mindset. We believe in Christ, Our Lord, who suffered, and in some mysterious way, our own suffering here on Earth is a reflection and sharing in that same suffering in the God who suffered. Maybe you don't believe this. Maybe you believe in some dismal view that we're all made of atoms and chemicals in an apathetic world with no distinct purpose except one you "create for yourself." If you feel this way, I only have pity for you.

For the sake of actual medicine, you should consider that true medicine is helping people get better. In terms of medicine, being dead is not better than being alive. You can't

fix mortality rates from sickness, childbirth, and disease by killing people before the condition does. Advancements in medicine may do this, but killing others does not cure chronic conditions. If death is the change you propose for every difficult medical condition, expedited and available to every state in the country, then you have no business being a doctor or making decisions on behalf of one. No matter how much your education, your empathy has failed you.

Please consider limiting your depravity to your own house. The rest of the public does not want to see your indecency