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As a nurse and a believer in the sanctity of life, I oppose making assisted suicide an option that is easier and encouraged by some so-called healthcare providers for the following reasons:

1. Life is precious and it is not ours to encourage anyone to end it. The idea of advertising is in itself encouraging someone to consider an option they might not otherwise entertain.
2. Vulnerable individuals who are suffering or unable to speak for themselves may be victimized by the choice of others rather than offered the best treatment, pain relief, or restorative services in some situations.
3. Instances of insurance companies forcing people to terminate supportive or restorative facility care due to cutting off their funding are on the increase in our area, based on personal experience of close friends in our area of Ohio. Finances are a major factor in healthcare decisions and this just seems to possibly support ending life rather than pursuing treatment or alternative means of support in challenging cases.
4. Healthcare providers who oppose the assisted suicide option may be forced to leave their employment in order to uphold their values in some cases.