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As a Pediatrician and Internist I oppose this measure.

I have sat beside many individuals in their last days and none of them have asked for me to end their lives sooner than their bodies were ready.

I (we) have been able to control pain and by controlling their pain sometimes that made the end of life come sooner but never with the end of life being the main end to the means..

Broadening the Definition of Who Can Prescribe Lethal Drugs I am also in disagreement with. I believe it should be the decision of a Physician and not a NP or PA.

Replaces "attending physician" and "consulting physician" with "prescribing provider" and "consulting provider."

End of life assistance should not be something that is promoted, as with some of the more vulnerable, the advocating of physician assistance suicide may encourage one to want to leave the pain behind without considering what it will be like to leave love ones behind.

Shortening the Existing 15-Day Waiting Period down to seven is also not a great idea. I believe allowing at least the 2 week period allows an individual to contemplate the seriousness of their decision and mood change can absolutely happen given time and lead to less regret. In my professional opinion many of the patients with chronic illness also have mental health challenges, may be facing grief and may actually have a treatable condition that they haven't explored all the option for treatment.

Please, reconsider not putting SB 1003 forward, and if you must vote against its approval

Sincerely,
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