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As a 4th year medical student who will soon be a practicing physician, I have a vested interest in the future of healthcare all across America, especially with issues as significant as end-of-life care and assisted suicide.

Assisted suicide is dangerous for healthcare professionals and it is dangerous for society. Assisted suicide laws create a two-tiered healthcare system where those with disabilities are given assisted suicide as a cure and the non-disabled are given suicide prevention.

As physicians (and future ones), our goal is to care for patients with advanced illness, and our profound duty as medical practitioners is to relieve patients' suffering rather than assist in their deaths.