



IT'S TIME TO SPEAK OUT IN OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts State Legislature has only **six more weeks** to consider legislation (Senate Bill 1331) that would legalize the practice of Physician Assisted Suicide. The bill is titled, "*An Act relative to end-of-life options.*" Working together, we can join healthcare professionals, disability groups, senior citizens, the infirmed, and countless individuals in saying **NO** to assisted suicide! We can also join our neighbors in New Hampshire¹ and stop the legislation from moving forward this session.

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you contact your elected officials:

- 1.) The bill would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.
NOTE – The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2.) No Real Safeguards – A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
- 3.) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care, and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor, and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

Your Voice Matters – Please call today!

Please call or email your elected State Senator and State Representative to voice your opposition. They represent you and should know your views on this topic. You can do this by logging onto www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for your individual State Senator and State Representative via address and ZIP Code link.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630. We will provide you the legislative contact information.



¹ New Hampshire: (HB 1283) Assisted Suicide Legalization defeated – May 16, 2024.