

The End of Life Options act is for the perceived benefit of those who are privileged and empowered. At the same time, it would greatly hurt those who are not – the poor, the elderly, the disabled, immigrants, and minorities - by subjecting them to pressure from health care providers and from family to end their lives.

In California and Oregon, where physician-assisted suicide is legal, insurance companies have denied chemotherapy drugs to cancer patients, while offering to pay for the drugs for physician assisted suicide, which are much less expensive.

I know from caring for my mother, who died recently, that pain and depression can be well controlled, that time with family and friends, and spiritual guidance can be very important, and that the dying need our presence, not drugs to end their lives.

Please vote no on this bill.

Thank you,
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