

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings

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Re: SB0443 -End of Life Options Act

I am writing in strong disagreement with this legislation and requesting an unfavorable report out of committee.

There are many, many reasons to disapprove of this bill, and to fear its “unintended consequences”. I am sure you have heard from many Marylanders regarding these issues.

One issue I have not seen covered, and which concerns me greatly, is the integrity of the doctors and pharmacists who will be needed to prescribe the lethal medications, and then to fill the prescriptions. Many doctors and pharmacists are very opposed to this legislation, and fear being forced to participate in procedures which violate their consciences and Hippocratic Oath. I also wonder how long before these providers are REQUIRED to prescribe and fill, no matter whether they have a conscientious objection? After all, we know that history shows that once something becomes a “right” then it becomes illegal to interfere with that “right”.

It is simply wrong to put doctors and pharmacists in this untenable position.

Please think long and hard about this issue before casting your votes. It is important to be fair to all of the parties involved.

Thank you for your consideration.