

Assisted Suicide cannot be MAiD safe



Treatment for Suffering?

Physical suffering is not why people choose AS - it isn't even a requirement. There is no limit to what can be claimed as "unbearable suffering". It will be used again and again to expand who qualifies.



Safeguards or Barriers?

"Safeguards" are meant to reassure us. But once legalized they are called "barriers" that must be removed. Laws in other states have been expanded and are being pushed to expand even more.



6-month Prognosis?

Access to AS and hospice is based on a 6-month prognosis that cannot be accurately predicted. Hospice patients often outlive 6 months. This can cause despair and choosing AS in error.



A Broken Medical System

Long waits, short visits, shrinking insurance coverage, fewer primary care doctors, low patient trust in the medical system...legalizing and normalizing AS will make a troubled system worse.



Discrimination Against Disabled

Doctors who think a life is worth living offer suicide prevention; if not they offer AS. Doctors underestimate patient quality of life. This is why the disability community strongly opposes AS.



A Right to Autonomy?

Then why have any limits? Those who don't qualify will claim discrimination. While no one has to choose it, those with unmet health care needs will have no choice, driving the vulnerable to AS.



Protecting Doctors Over Patients?

Doctors self-report AS making it difficult to find abuse, agreeing even when someone doesn't qualify, offering it when someone is asking for treatment. Death certificate does not list AS.



Easier to Qualify than be Denied?

If one doctor says they are not qualified, they can shop for another. They can qualify by stopping routine treatment, like insulin. Easy access is more important than safe and careful determination.

Draw the line
before it's too late