

End the confusion over the legality of *assisted suicide* in Montana



We Physicians Support HB 505 - this will end the confusion over whether physician assisted suicide is legal by clearly providing that physician-assisted suicide is not legal.

Physician assisted suicide means a physician prescribes a lethal medication to another person to commit suicide. This practice is open to abuse and error.

"Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physicians' role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks."

AMA ethics opinion 2.211

“If my doctor had believed
in assisted suicide,
I would be dead.”

In 1997, I voted for the initiative that legalized assisted suicide in Oregon.

In 2000, I was diagnosed with cancer and told that I had six months to a year to live. I knew that our law had passed, but I didn't know exactly how to go about doing it. I did not want to suffer, and I did not want to do radiation. I wanted Dr. Stevens to help me, but he didn't really answer me.

Instead, he encouraged me to not give up and ultimately I decided to fight the cancer. I had both chemotherapy and radiation. I am so happy to be alive!

It is now 12 years later. If Dr. Stevens had believed in assisted suicide, I would be dead. I thank him and all my doctors for helping me choose “life with dignity.” Assisted suicide should not be legal.

Thank you so much.

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