

Please Reject HF1930 Physician Assisted Suicide

My Name is Kathleen Nydegger. I reside in Legislative District 44.

I am writing to **Oppose House File 1930 Physician Assisted Suicide** for the following reasons:

Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation, in his March 24, 2015 article¹ said it best and I agree with his reasons. Physician Assisted Suicide:

- **“Endangers the weak and vulnerable:** “. . . People who deserve society’s assistance are instead offered accelerated death . . . “,
- **Corrupts the practice of medicine and the doctor–patient relationship:** “. . . It corrupts the profession of medicine by permitting the tools of healing to be used as techniques for killing.
- **Compromises the family and intergenerational commitments:** “. . . The temptation to view elderly or disabled family members as burdens will increase, as will the temptation for those family members to internalize this attitude and view themselves as burdens. . .” and
- **Betrays human dignity and equality before the law:** “. . . Classifying a subgroup of people as legally eligible to be killed violates our nation’s commitment to equality before the law—showing profound disrespect for and callousness to those who will be judged to have lives no longer “worth living,” not least the frail elderly, the demented, and the disabled. No natural right to PAS exists, and arguments for such a right are incoherent: A legal system that allows assisted suicide abandons the natural right to life of all its citizens. . .”

Please **do not** pass Bill HF1930 Physician Assisted Suicide.

¹ <https://www.heritage.org/health-care-reform/report/always-care-never-kill-how-physician-assisted-suicide-endangers-the-weak>