



AT MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

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To Members of the House Health and Finance Policy Committee,

World Without Genocide, a human rights organization located at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, supports the ***End-of-Life Options Act*** currently under consideration in the Minnesota legislature.

Our organization has Special Consultative Status at the United Nations. In this position, we are honored to uphold the principles that guide United Nations actions around the world. The most essential of those principles is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which, with other international human rights agreements, underscores that bodily autonomy is a fundamental right. People must be able and empowered to make decisions freely and responsibly about their own bodies.

These decisions are based on each individual having power and efficacy over decision-making about their bodies throughout the life course, including, when appropriate, at the end of life, through medical assistance in dying.

This option is currently available to more than 28 million people around the world and to people in ten U.S. states and Washington, D.C. **We urge passage of the End-of-Life Options Act for people in Minnesota.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen J. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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