

I oppose the proposed assisted suicide bill ([HF1930](#) & [SF1813](#)) would **legalize physician-assisted suicide** in Minnesota. I

I have been a Family Nurse Practitioner since 1991 working with all age groups in all stages of life, from pediatrics to geriatrics. There can never be a "service" that us in healthcare provide lethal meds to those who want to take their own life. Even they meet the criteria and claim they are of sound mind and we cooperate with this, we are assisting in suicide of a person holding to a very dangerous state of mind they are in. Handing out these meds when they see no hope is taking away their ability to ever again change their mindset! So many have heightened fear is the issue, even if they cling to it for months, that can make all pain unbearable. Many who have a reordering of their fear can deal well, even suffer to some extent well, have a change of heart, and even bring hope to themselves and others. We are human souls that can continue to grow in love and often in our darkest hours we can and do transcend it all. This plan to give out pills so they can kill themselves preemptively, the more it is used, the more it will become casual and easy to choose for those who fear, feel worthless, are in a darkness. This plan will surely kill those who have kind hearts but see themselves as a burden. Instead they deserve love all the way to the end! These pills are a failure of true caring, failure to accompany those in despair, failure to love and sacrifice for others, failure of humanity! I know many Hospice nurses do handle the worst severe cases of pain, they can already give all the meds they need in due time, in due time... if we let the Hospice nurses treat true pain (not fear of pain) in the minute and hour it is needed. It is a process, not a pill! I repeat, there can never be a "service" that us in healthcare provide lethal meds to those who want to take their own life, preemptively.

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