

MEMORANDUM

TO: California State Assemblymembers
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RE: Vote "No" on AB 15. (No Assisted Suicide)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AB 15, the "End of Life Option Act," is a deceptively written bill that seeks to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

AB 15 is sold as giving patients choice and control at the end of life. The bill is instead a recipe for elder abuse and is not limited to dying persons. Indeed, "eligible" persons may have years, even decades, to live.

In Oregon, which has a similar law, that state's Medicaid program uses coverage incentives to steer patients to suicide. If AB 15 is enacted, California's Medicaid program, as well as private insurers, will be able to engage in this same conduct. Do you want this to happen to you or your family?

The bill has a myriad of other problems. Please vote "No" on AB 15.

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