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Why are Physician-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia Bad News for Montana?

NEW DATE: **THURSDAY, October 13, 2016, 7 p.m.**

Presenters:

- **Brad Tschida, Montana State Representative**, a leader in the fight to prevent suicide in Montana.
- **Jennifer Fielder, Montana State Senator**, a leader in the in the fight to prevent suicide in Montana.
- **Philip Tummarello, retired Sgt. Inspector of the San Francisco Police Department**, who implemented and supervised the San Francisco Elder Abuse Task Force.
- **Margaret Dore**, a lawyer in Washington State where physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia are legal, and **president of Choice is an Illusion**, a nonprofit corporation.

Where: St. Anthony Catholic Church Social Center, 217 Tremont Street, Missoula, MT;
Cost: free will donation.

More info: This event is open to all interested persons. There will be an hour long formal presentation, with a half hour question/answer period and light refreshments to follow.

Problems with legal assisted suicide: (1) new paths of elder abuse, e.g., in the inheritance setting; (2) steerage to suicide by health care systems; (3) trauma to patients and family members; (4) sending the wrong message to young people that suicide is an OK solution to life's problems; and (5) the encouragement of people with years to live, to throw away their lives.

Why now: In 2009, the Montana State Supreme Court issued the "Baxter" decision, which has created confusion and allowed proponents to falsely claim that assisted suicide is legal. There are reports of assisted suicide (and euthanasia) in Montana healthcare settings.

Last session, Representative Tschida introduced a bill to overturn Baxter, which nearly got through the House. Our goal is to inspire you to contact your legislators, your candidates for the legislature, lieutenant governor and governor, to overturn Baxter. This will protect you, your friends and your family.

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