

## Vote No on SB 1129 SD 2

### “Choice” is a Big Fat Fib

#### No Assisted Suicide No Euthanasia

#### Highlights:

- The proposed act is sold as a voluntary patient choice, but doesn't even have a requirement of voluntariness, capability or consent when the lethal dose is administered.
- People who ask about the act will lose their right to informed consent: They will lose the right to be told about alternatives for cure.
- The claim that self-administration is required is not true. The act says that a patient “may” self-administer the lethal dose. There is no language that administration “must” be by self-administration.
- Administration of the lethal dose is allowed to occur in private without a doctor or witness present. If the patient objected or even struggled, who would know?
- The death certificate is required to list a terminal disease as the cause of death. The significance is that prosecution will not be possible, no matter what the facts. The death will be a terminal disease (not murder) as a matter of law.
- Elder abuse is already a not well controlled problem. Passing the proposed act will make the situation worse.
- The act applies to people with a “terminal disease,” which is determined without treatment. With treatment, such persons may have years or decades to live.
- Enacting SB 1129 SD2 will encourage people with years or decades, to live, to throw away their lives.
- Physician-assisted suicide, even when voluntary, can be traumatic for patients and families.

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