

## **Reject LD 347 & LD 1066**

### **“Choice” is a Big Fat Fib**

#### **No Assisted Suicide**

#### **No Euthanasia**

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#### **Highlights:**

- LD 347 & LD 1066 apply to people with years or decades to live.
- Enacting either bill will encourage people with years or decades to live to throw away their lives.
- The bills are sold as providing a voluntary patient choice, but don't even have a requirement of voluntariness or consent when the lethal dose is administered.
- Assisting persons can have their own agendas: an adult child wanting an inheritance; a financial predator seeking financial gain; or a doctor wanting to hide malpractice.
- 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?
- Enactment will create the perfect crime to put older people in the crosshairs of their heirs and other predators.
- Elder abuse is already a not well controlled problem. Passing either bill will make the situation worse.
- Physician-assisted suicide, even where voluntary, can be traumatic for patients and families.

For analysis and back up documentation, click here:

[https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2017/04/maine-memo-04-04-17\\_001.pdf](https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2017/04/maine-memo-04-04-17_001.pdf)

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