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I write in opposition to the Physician Aid in Dying bill (aka "Physician Assisted Suicide"). As a Registered Nurse who deals with patient's in pain on a daily basis, many of them with terminal conditions, I do not beleive that allowing a physician to facilitate a patient's death is the answer. First and foremost, it is unethical. It is also wrong for a patient to feel that this is the only alternative to their potential or real pain and suffering. Palliative Care is available to patient's and should be a priority of health care providers. There is such potential for patient's to feel forced into physician assisted suicide because of financial, family, or societal pressures. Our efforts should continue to be to ease their suffering, not cause their death.

Sincerely,
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