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I write in opposition to the proposed physician aid in dying bill. As world-renown medical ethicists, Willard Gaylin, Leon Kass, Ed Pellegrino, and Mark Siegler, wrote in a 1988 commentary in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*:

“This issue [physician-assisted suicide] touches medicine at its very moral center; if this moral center collapses, if physicians become killers or are even merely licensed to kill, the profession — and, therewith, each physician — will never again be worthy of trust and respect as healer and comforter and protector of life in all its frailty. For if medicine’s power over life may be used equally to heal or to kill, the doctor is no more a moral professional but rather a morally neutered technician.”

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