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I write in opposition to the proposed physician-aid in dying bill.

I am a medical oncologist. I specialize in providing care to the patients with advanced stages of cancer with novel investigational therapies in the setting of various clinical trials. All patients come to me, with hopes of getting new, innovated therapies for their disease. Their yearning, love and constant fight for Life, always, keeps me going every day.

Seeing many of my patients going through a dying process, I learned that living in a limited number of days or hours, these patients appreciate every moment of being awake and being alive. They in fat fight for life not just for themselves, but for loved ones.

I had a young male in his late 20s unfortunately diagnosed with terminal stage of gastric cancer. I took care of him at his last days. Our primary goal of care was to optimize his pain control so that he can stay awake and interactive with his wife.

I believe that legalizing the physician-aid in dying bill is not only against professional conscience, against our Hippocratic Oath, but also masking the medical, psychosocial issues that needs further evaluation and treatment.

Patient may still choose to commit to suicide. However, it is not the role of a physician to aid in this process, or anyone's.

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