

Assisted Suicide should never be legal for many reasons. Let's focus on three. First, physician-assisted suicide puts the lives of the weak in danger. People with disabilities, the elderly, and those facing mental health issues such as depression should not be made to feel that they are a burden and therefore should end their lives. Their struggles should be met with assistance to find healing and relieve any pain. Second, Physician-assisted suicide alters the doctor/patient relationship and leads doctors to break their oath to "do no harm". Patients may be afraid to tell their doctors the entire truth if they know that their doctor may suggest assisted-suicide. Third, physician-assisted suicide kills human dignity. Every human life has value and every moment of life is worth living. By legalizing assisted-suicide, our government is sending the message that they do not value all human lives and that some of us are unworthy of life.

As the parent of a child living with a chronic, progressive, and life-threatening condition, I hope that you see the value in her life rather than any struggles she might face. We all have mountains to climb, but each one of them is surmountable with help in living, not in dying.

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