

SENATE JUDICIARY
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Senate Judiciary Committee
RE: Do Pass SB116

Mr. Chairman, Senators, My name is Bradley Williams and I am from Hamilton. This is my first time to engage in the public discourse having first arrived only 3 weeks ago. All organizations have a personality and my first impression of this body of citizen legislators and your staff is that of a professional, respectful, gracious and encouraging organization. You make me proud to be a Montanan.

I am here to ask you to pass SB116, An Act Prohibiting Aid in Dying. The phrase, "aid in dying" is commonly used to describe assisted suicide and euthanasia. I am concerned about the way my wife and I will be treated when we are older. I, for one, do not want my doctor telling me or her that we should just go kill ourselves. I am 62 years old and as tax payers we have been supporting our Montana community for nearly 20 years. We deserve to be valued, not steered to suicide.

Please restore our individual freedoms that we lost when Montana was invaded by out-of-state predators that resulted in the offensive Baxter decision.

Please defend our equal rights from an over-reaching government by prohibiting state sanctioned suicide by passing SB 116. This will prevent the establishment of a new path of increased abuse of our revered elders and people with disabilities.

Mr. Chairman, Senators, I'll close by requesting permission to submit this petition of 1385 signatures to prohibit assisted suicide. Over 80% of these signatures are a fresh expression from your constituents during the past 9 days.

Respectfully,



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