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RE: Do Not Pass SB167

Mr. Chairman, Senators, My name is Bradley Williams and I am from Hamilton. I am here to ask you not to pass SB167 which will establish state sanctioned suicide. 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.

I have read SB167 and from my layman perceptive it is full of rope-a-dope marketing rhetoric and political double speak. All of the proponents proclamations of "choice and control" relates to the details of the act of requesting a lethal dose. Once the prescription is filled the person is legally and actually defenseless from suicide predators since there is no oversight.

One example of double speak, that is proclaiming one thing then nullifying it with opposite definitions immediately, is their proclamation that "Two doctors are required" then following "the first doctor may waive the second".

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 not passing SB 167. 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 reminding you of the nature of the petition of 1385 signatures to prohibit assisted suicide that I submitted earlier. They were all hard copy real signatures from real citizens, not some out-of-state internet web blog poll.

Respectfully,

Bradley Williams