

SENATE JUDICIARY
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HB 505

To: Senate Judiciary Committee
Fr: Jane Jelinski
Re: House Bill 505
Date: March 26, 2013

HB 505 makes it a felony for my doctor to answer my questions about how to die peacefully if and when my terminal disease becomes unbearable. It would toss him in jail for ten years and fine him up to \$50,000. It would force me to die in agony. I do not want to be denied the right to die with dignity because of legislators' intrusion into the most private decisions a person can make. Montanans consistently reject this kind of big government which arrogantly substitutes some politicians' personal beliefs for individual citizens' choices. It intrudes on the doctor/patient relationship and is the ultimate violation of my right to privacy.

If you are truly concerned about elder abuse, SB 220 provided meticulously crafted protections for elderly or terminal patients but was quickly tabled in committee.

Please vote against House Bill 505.

Respectfully submitted,

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