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Dear Honorable Member of Montana's Senate Judiciary Committee #13472
and Montana's 64'th Legislative Body,

Please vote YEA for HB477 and establish penalties for Physician Assisted Suicide. You indeed are not trying to penalize a Doctor who is treating his dying patient. You are establishing a true trust between the patient and his/her doctor. I am a Geriatric Nurse who works in Bozeman and am on the front lines of this issue. I have been asked by patients "Do you think my doctor is trying to kill me?" These people have a valid fear, just because we here are talking about this very issue, and by avoiding action you would force me to tell them yes. Hb477 would truly put an end to the fears they have in this culture which gives in to the Compassion and Choices rhetoric. You can not prevent suicide by passage of HB477, BUT you can put fear of Physician Assisted Suicide to rest. I am incredulous that our Elderly and Disabled do not have the reassurance that their legislature understands their fears. They are vulnerable to Coersion, and Misinformation and ,Inferior Care at the time they need Peace and Confidence and to Trust most. Does all the Money that Compassion and Choices has spent here in Montana this session really mean they will have to continue to be victimized? Why don't you all request that the Compassion and Choices People spend their Millions on research for pain control and training of Doctors, Nurses, and Family members? Please Do something Positive for Montana's Elderly and Debilitated and VOTE YEA FOR HB477 Thank You for Your Service Berniece Stulc

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