

SENATE JUDICIARY

Exhibit No. 24

Date: 3/26/15

Bill No. HB477

Vote NO on HB 477

Thank you chairman Sales for the opportunity to speak against HB477.

This is a dangerous, intrusive bill. Here are a few of the reasons:

1. Montana is made up of small, close-knit communities where patients and their physicians have a close personal relationship. Interfering in these relationships undermines the sacred relationship between physician and patient. It is contrary to the rights of the Terminally Ill Act and to the values of liberty, privacy and dignity expressed by the Montana constitution.
2. This bill would be an open invitation to attorneys to file frivolous, personal injury lawsuits.
3. As a resident of Townsend and a patient of St. Peter's and independent Helena physicians, I have developed a strong bond with my physicians and trust them with my healthcare and my life. This bill would interfere with these relationships.
4. I know from personal experience, and from speaking to other patients, that many physicians in Helena are beloved by their patients and held in the highest regard. This bill interferes with the bond between patients and physicians and puts physicians reputations at risk and exposes them to fines and imprisonment.
5. Do not allow a small, vocal, well-funded group to determine the administration of the healthcare in Montana.
6. Vote NO on HB 477.

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