

★ ★ ★ NO DC SUICIDE



Within days, the D.C. City Council will consider legislation to **legalize assisted suicide**. This bill is discriminatory because it would disproportionately target poor and vulnerable persons including senior citizens and those with disabilities and mental health challenges, often denying them appropriate health care, legal safeguards and choices on how they live their lives.

About the Legislation: B21-38 would allow doctors to prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to patients who have been deemed mentally competent and received a terminal diagnosis.

The bill is flawed, unsafe, unnecessary, and wrong for the District of Columbia.

B21-38: BAD FOR PATIENTS, BAD FOR FAMILIES, BAD FOR DC

1. No doctor, nurse, or independent witness is required to be present when the lethal dose is taken, creating serious potential for abuse.
2. No family notification is required in advance.
3. People can pick up lethal prescriptions like any other drug at a local pharmacy.
4. Patients are not required to receive a mental health screening for depression before receiving a lethal prescription.
5. It's impossible to predict a terminal diagnosis accurately.



WHO OPPOSES THE LEGISLATION?

- The American Medical Association
- American College of Physicians
- American Nurses Association
- National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
- National Council on Disability
- Numerous other medical, palliative care, and disability organizations oppose assisted suicide.

HOW CAN YOU HELP DEFEAT THIS DANGEROUS BILL?

Contact your council member and share this information with your family and friends.

CALL COUNCIL MEMBERS TODAY

My name is _____. I am calling from Ward _____ to urge you to oppose B21-38 legalizing assisted suicide. It is unsafe, unnecessary, and wrong for the District of Columbia!

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Call Mayor Muriel Bowser at (202) 727-2643
and ask her to be prepared to veto the bill.

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