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**NO DC SUICID** is a broad and diverse coalition of individuals, nonprofits and advocacy groups in the District of Columbia, working to protect city residents from the harmful effects of proposed legislation to legalize assisted suicide. This bill is discriminatory because it would disproportionately affect poor and vulnerable persons including those with disabilities and mental health challenges.

**ABOUT THE LEGISLATION:** B21-38 would allow doctors to legally 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.

## GET THE FACTS ABOUT B21-38

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

### WHO SUPPORTS THE LEGISLATION?

B21-38 is part of an aggressive, national effort to legalize assisted suicide in states across the country led by Compassion and Choices formerly known as the Hemlock Society.

### WHO OPPOSES THE LEGISLATION?

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

### HOW CAN YOU HELP DEFEAT THIS DANGEROUS BILL?

Visit [www.noDCsuicide.org](http://www.noDCsuicide.org) to learn more information and ways to help defeat B21-38, including

- 1) joining the coalition,
- 2) contacting your council member, and
- 3) sharing this information with your family and friends.



## Get In Touch With Us Today

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