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Medical Professionals Oppose HB 2217

House Bill 2217 allows physicians to legally commit euthanasia under the guise of physician-assisted suicide.

We urge you to **VOTE NO** on **HB 2217** for the following reasons:

- ◆ It would make medical professionals take an active role in the death of their patients, which is against the Hippocratic Oath to “do no harm”. Our medical skills should not be used to purposely end a terminally ill patient’s life.
- ◆ It creates vague and ambiguous language around the definition of “self-administer,” such that someone else besides the patient could carry out the suicide.
- ◆ It does not prevent a person from being coerced into taking the lethal drugs.
- ◆ The American Medical Association opposes suicide by a physician because it would cause more harm than good, is incompatible with the physician’s role as a healer, is impossible to control and poses serious societal risks.

It is for these reasons we urge you to VOTE NO on HB 2217.

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