

Please take time to call as many state senators' phones #s on the health committee (attached), Cuomo, Majority leader, and folks on Assembly health committee on this Tues.as a phone in lobby. The euthanasia guys will be physically lobbying for the suicide bill S3151 and A2383. Our 9 mo abortion bill is being blocked in health committee so call the senate separately about continuing to stop that.

Check out the NY State Catholic Conference of Bishops www.nycatholic.org

Governor Andrew Cuomo – [1-\(518\) 474-8390](tel:1-518-474-8390)

Telephone (For Life) Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

The proponents of Assisted Suicide (Compassion & Choices) will be holding a rally and Lobby Day at the NYS Capital on Tuesday, May 9th to press for passage of legislation that would legalize Assisted Suicide in New York. Please call Governor Cuomo, the Assembly Speaker, the Senate Majority Leader, your legislators, and the members of the Assembly and Senate Health Committees that day and ask them to please oppose Assisted Suicide!

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Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan- [1-\(518\) 455-2071](tel:1-518-455-2071)

Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie- [1-\(518\) 455-3791](tel:1-518-455-3791)

Your Senator [1 \(518\) 455-2800](tel:1-518-455-2800) (switch board)

Your Assemblyperson [1 \(518\) 455-4100](tel:1-518-455-4100) (switchboard)

Health Committee members are on the attached list

Statement

Senator / Assemblyman/woman: I am a resident of New York State and I am asking for your support in opposing Assisted Suicide in our state! Specifically, Senate Bill S.3151 by Senator Diane Savino and Assembly Bill A.2383 by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin would add a new section to the Public Health Law which would allow physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending the patient's life

Some Possible Talking Points

This bill would undermine the physician's role as healer, forever altering the doctor-patient relationship and lessen the quality of care provided to patients at the end of life. Assisted suicide will become just another treatment option.

The American Medical Association and 30 other medical associations continue to hold a strong policy position against physician-assisted suicide, which they say is "fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role" and would be "difficult or impossible to control."

In 1994, Governor Mario Cuomo's Task Force on Life & the Law released a report unanimously rejecting assisted suicide, and cautioned: "No matter how carefully any guidelines are framed, assisted suicide and euthanasia will be practiced through the prism of social inequality and bias"

This legislation sends the message that suicide is acceptable! NY spends millions of dollars each year to prevent suicides. Suicide rates in states that legalized assisted suicide have soared!

No matter how carefully the bill is crafted, it will eventually lead to expansion beyond its original scope and eventually lead to euthanasia, as can be seen in the states and countries where it has been legalized. Many of the targets of these expansions have been those with physical and mental disabilities!