



A bill permitting **Physician Assisted Suicide** was voted out of committee and is on the “ready list” to go before the full House of Representatives in Dover.
Tell your representatives to VOTE NO to HB140!

Efforts on the part of the Catholic community, other faith groups, medical professionals, Saint Francis Hospital, advocates for persons with disabilities, and others, **kept this legislation from becoming law in past legislative sessions. We need to do so again!** Governor Carney vetoed this bill last year, but the new governor says he supports the bill. *We cannot let it get to his desk!* You can play an important role by contacting your state representatives and urging them to oppose this bill and to vote “no” should it come before the House or Senate. Use the QR Code below to send an email to your State Representative.

Our opposition is rooted in the Church’s belief in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death and the dignity of the individual, both of which are objective and non-negotiable truths and principles of our faith.

As Pope Francis reminds us: *“We must accompany people towards death, but not provoke death or facilitate assisted suicide. I would point out that the right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritized, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never discarded. Indeed, life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered. And this ethical principle applies to everyone, not just*

Christians or believers.” (General Audience, Feb. 9, 2022)

In addition to our well-founded, faith-based concerns, there are several other concerns. House Bill 140 would fundamentally change Delaware’s legal approach to medical ethics, medical practice, and health care decision-making. The Psychiatric Society of Delaware, the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians also oppose involving practitioners of the healing arts in the intentional ending of a person’s life by medically assisted suicide, also known as medical aid in dying.

In Canada, where similar measures are already the law, patients need no longer be terminally ill as a matter of law. Additionally, mental illness has become legally permitted as the sole underlying condition for those seeking physician-assisted suicide.

You can get more information about the dangers of physician assisted suicide at www.cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide

Please contact your State Representatives today—urge them to REJECT PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE!



Scan the QR Code to tell your State Representative to VOTE NO on HB 140 and STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE!

