

Oppose AB 374 PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

Call, fax, or email your Assembly member
BEFORE JUNE 6.

Tell him/her that
AB 374 is BAD PUBLIC POLICY because:

- **It makes suicide a medical treatment**, an inexpensive alternative compared to providing proper care for the infirm and dying. Those most vulnerable will be the poor who have difficulty getting healthcare.
- AB 374 is **strongly opposed** by the American Medical Association, the California Medical Association, the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association, Catholic hospitals, advocates for low-income workers, as well as various disability rights and Latino civil rights groups.
- The **Legislature needs to work on real problems**. There are 7.5 million Californians who do not have health insurance. ***The attempt to legalize assisted suicide has already failed three times in California!***
- AB 374 poses a danger to people with new disabilities or chronic diseases who often experience initial despondency but later adapt well and enjoy life. **Depression, not pain, is the cause of suicide.**

Our faith teaches that each person created by God is a manifestation of His love — called by name, destined for eternal life. Creation is ongoing and God keeps all of His creation in existence. Therefore, persons are not owners, but rather stewards of their own lives.

Consequently, taking one's own life is a serious rejection of God's love and an offense against His creation.

What is now being promoted as a “right to die” will easily erode to an overwhelming “responsibility to die,” especially for the poor, disabled, and powerless.

To find your Assembly member, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html

Please contact your Assembly member today to prevent suicide from becoming a medical treatment.

To sign a petition opposing AB 374, go to the *Catholics for the Common Good* website, www.ccgaction.org



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www.cacatholic.org or www.ccgaction.org



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