



**MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare**  
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The Honorable Keith Ellison  
Office of Minnesota Attorney General  
445 Minnesota Street  
Suite 1400  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Attorney General Ellison:

I write today to express concern regarding a recent settlement in U.S. District Court in Portland, Oregon (Case No. 3:21-cv-1568) related to physician assisted suicide (PAS), which will have harmful implications for Minnesotans. The settlement allows for the removal of Oregon's residency requirement so that nonresidents can access the state's PAS law that permits terminally ill people to receive a lethal medication to end their lives. The Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Medical Board agreed to stop enforcing the residency requirement on March 27.

This change in Oregon law will open the door to both assisted suicide tourism, and assisted suicide via telehealth, enabling patients and providers who reside in Minnesota, where PAS is illegal, to access and participate in life-ending care as non-residents. For example, a Minnesota resident could doctor shop for an out of state provider in order to get approval for an assisted suicide prescription and have the lethal drugs sent by mail to a pharmacy in Minnesota.

On behalf of our alliance of over 70 organizations (listed below), we ask that you take all steps to prevent this action by Oregon from overriding Minnesota law, including, but not limited to:

- Prosecuting any pharmacy in Minnesota that dispenses assisted suicide drugs prescribed by physicians in other states.
- Suing out of state doctors and pharmacists in federal court for violating Minnesota law and enjoin them from offering assisted suicide to Minnesota residents.
- Enjoining any individual or organization from advertising the opportunity for Minnesota residents to seek assisted suicide in other states such as Oregon.

Minnesota continues to reject the legalization of assisted suicide and that public policy should guide interstate relations on this matter.

Please let us know if you have questions or would like to discuss further by contacting us at [info@ethicalcaremn.org](mailto:info@ethicalcaremn.org). Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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President  
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- American Academy of Medical Ethics
- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)
- Benedictine Health System
- Betsy's Team
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- Catholic Faith Community Nurse Ministry Association
- Catholic Health Association of Minnesota
- Center for Bioethics and Culture
- Center for Disability Rights
- Christian Medical and Dental Association
- Curatio Apostolate of Catholic Healthcare Professionals
- Democrats for Life
- Diocese of Winona Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (Rochester)
- Disability Justice Network
- Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition USA
- Franciscan Brothers of Peace
- Gianna Homes
- Human Life Alliance
- International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care
- Islamic Center of Minnesota
- Jewish War Veterans
- Knights of Columbus Minnesota State Council
- Life Legal Minnesota
- Lutherans for Life
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota North District
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota South District
- Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Minnesota
- Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Minnesota Family Council
- Minnesota Rural Health Association
- Muslim American Society
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD)
- National Council on Independent Living
- North Star Law & Policy Center
- Not Dead Yet
- Order of Malta
- Our Family Encounter
- Our Lady of Peace Hospice & Home Care
- Paralyzed Veterans of America, Minnesota Chapter
- Patients Rights Action Fund
- Physicians for Compassionate Care Education Foundation (PCCEF)
- Prenatal Partners for Life
- Pro-life Healthcare Alliance
- Sacred Heart Guardians and Shelter
- Saint Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association
- Scholl Institute of Bioethics
- St. Joseph Business Guild
- St. Raphael Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (Duluth)
- Students for Life
- The Arc Minnesota
- The Heart and Mind Connection
- The Lutheran Home Association
- The People's Patriot Project
- Transform Minnesota
- True North Legal
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- University of Minnesota Students for Human Life
- University of St. Thomas ProLife Center
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