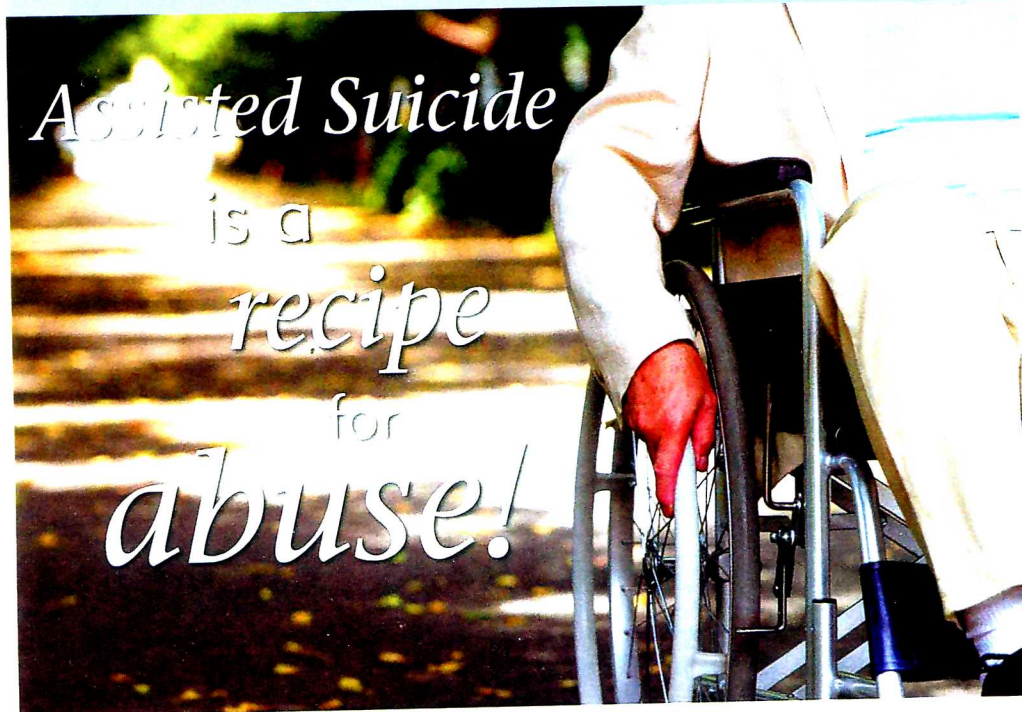


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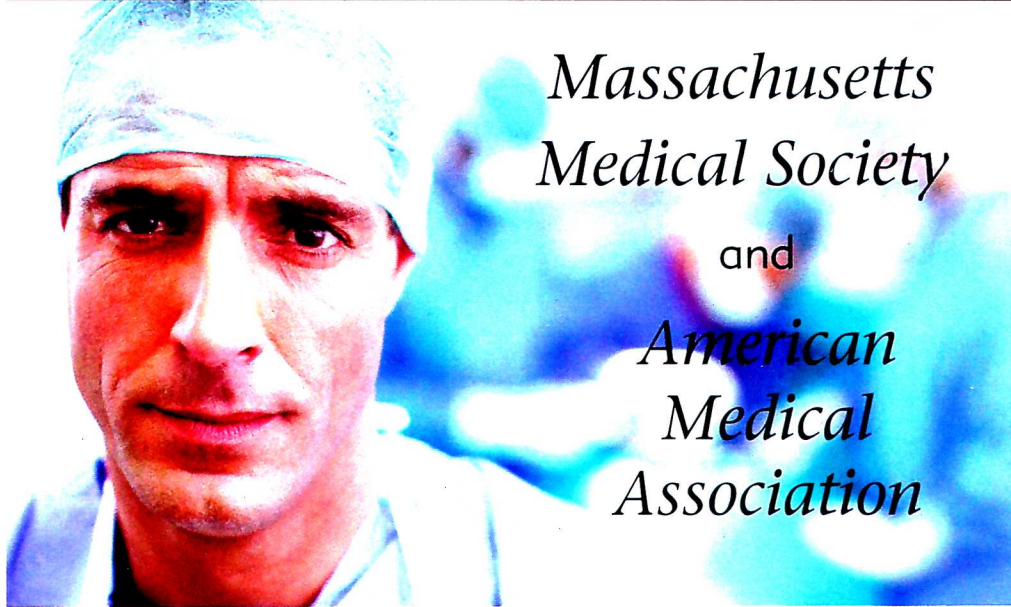
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- ◆ The supposed safeguards are hollow. And nothing in Question 2 will protect patients when there are pressures, whether financial or emotional, which distort patient choice.
- ◆ Can we really trust insurance companies and HMOs to do the right thing, instead of the cheap thing? The Oregon/Washington laws and proposed Massachusetts Question 2 all allow insurers to steer vulnerable patients toward doctor-prescribed suicide instead of paying for more expensive quality health care.

For more about what disability rights groups are saying about doctor-prescribed suicide laws and Ballot Question 2 in Massachusetts please visit:

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Assisted Suicide is opposed by:



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Medical Society
and
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There are many abuses and problems in states where doctor-prescribed suicide is legal, like Oregon and Washington, and the proposed Massachusetts law, Ballot Question 2, is no different.

- ◆ Eligibility is based on a six-month life expectancy. But doctors agree these estimates are often wrong. Individuals often outlive their prognoses by months or even years.
- ◆ Patients are not required to see a psychiatrist or counselor before obtaining the lethal drug—fewer than 7% have been referred for psychiatric evaluation in Oregon.
- ◆ We are told that in Oregon, where doctor-prescribed suicide is legal, the data shows zero problems. But actually, Oregon's annual reports tell us very little. Doctors who fail to make required reports face no penalty. The State does not talk to doctors who denied a request to prescribe lethal drugs, to find out why. Massachusetts Ballot Question 2 is written the same way, failing to give any resources or even the authority to investigate violations or provide oversight.

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