

# PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE



*The so called "Death with Dignity" act has been reintroduced into the New Jersey State Legislature on January 14<sup>th</sup> – the very first day of the opening of the new legislative session by Assemblyman John Burzichelli and Senator Nicolas Scutari with co-sponsor Don Norcross.*

*We need your Help to Defeat this bill which is dangerous, filled with abuses and against our moral tradition. There are only three other states in our country which have such a law.*

1. No physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription.
2. There is no requirement to notify family members.
3. The death certificate will not include information about the suicide.
4. The American Medical Association holds that physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer.
5. The Catholic Church teaches that human life is the most basic gift from a loving God and we must never directly intend to cause our own death.
6. With modern pain control methods, physical suffering can be brought under control for all dying patients.
7. The poor, the elderly, those lacking health insurance and those with disabilities would be the first to feel the pressure to die.

*You can call or write – any or all of the following. You don't even have to give your name when you call, simply say you are vehemently against the "Death with Dignity" Act. John Burzichelli, Nicolas Scutari and Don Norcross are the three directly involved with the bill, however, you can also contact our Senator Holzapfel, Assemblymen Wolfe and McGuckin representing our district here in Brick. This is the office where we delivered the 1500 petitions in August. We must constantly be on the alert. It only takes a minute to contact these lawmakers. We don't want New Jersey to be the fourth state to have lawful suicide.*

*Respect Life Committee*

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- ❖ Assemblyman John Burzichelli, 935 Kings Highway, Suite 400, West Deptford, NJ 08086 ~ 856-251-9801
  - ❖ Senator Nicolas Scutari, 1514 E. Saint Georges Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Linden, NJ 07036 ~ 908-587-0404
  - ❖ Senator Donald Norcross, Audobon Commons Center, 130 Black Horse Pike, Suite D-3, Audubon, NJ 08106 ~ 856-547-4800
  - ❖ Senator James Holzapfel, 852 Highway #70, Brick, NJ 08724 ~ 732-840-9028
  - ❖ Assemblyman Gregory McGuckin, 852 Highway #70, Brick, NJ 08724 ~ 732-840-9028
  - ❖ Assemblyman David Wolfe, 852 Highway #70, Brick, NJ 08724 ~ 732-840-9028
  - ❖ Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, 35 West Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728 ~ 866- 1695
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***P.S. – If you make only one phone call, or one handwritten letter, it might save your life!!***