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Dear Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs:

Family Policy Alliance, Focus on the Family, and our network of over 40 state-based family policy councils together represent millions of Americans from every state. We understand that the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) is working this month to prepare a report on assisted suicide to be presented at the American Medical Association (AMA) November meeting. We are writing to thank you for your long-standing opposition to assisted suicide and urge you to maintain that position.

Our organizations firmly believe that every life is worth fighting for, regardless of health condition, disability, socioeconomic status, or any other factor. We are committed to our advocacy work defeating assisted suicide legalization and instead promoting real, quality healthcare at every stage of life, such as advancing palliative care or other means. Indeed, our alliance helped defeat 46 bills to legalize assisted suicide in 27 states this year, despite proponents of assisted suicide spending heavily (including over \$1 Million in Hawaii alone).

We've included our previous letter outlining in detail our reasons for requesting the AMA to maintain its well-founded and longstanding opposition to assisted suicide for your reference. On behalf of our constituents, we again request that you maintain your opposition to assisted suicide as incompatible with a physician's role as healer and to prevent devastating consequences to families that will arise through discrepancies in law and culture between who is worthy of receiving suicide intervention and who is not.

Sincerely,

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