

My Name is Lloyd Benes, and I represent myself. I have provided citations supporting the request for you to amend this MAID Bill visible in the printed material I gave you.

Firstly, the original 2016 MAID law mandates medical record documentation. However, hundreds of forms are currently missing relative to indicating patients' eligibility and voluntary, uncoerced consent to lethal drugs. This includes 20% of patient consent forms, 15% of attending physician forms, and 22% of consulting physician forms (citation = tinyurl.com/46eazzmr, page 124). Without those forms, we cannot know if the law is working as intended and that coercion is avoided. Therefore, I support the amendment to 25-48-111 of the Bill because we need protection for Colorado citizens seeking MAID in the form of the proposed amendment wording, **“(h) Failure to submit the required documentation to the CDPHE represents unprofessional conduct subject to sanctions by the Colorado Medical Board or Nursing Board.”**

Secondly, also relative to documentation, the Bill should have the amended language suggested for 25-48-111 at the end of paragraph (c), **“Document the reason the individual has decided to pursue MAID using a comprehensive list of potential reasons generated by CDPHE.”** Currently, the 2016 MAID law does not ask individuals what their end-of-life concerns are. By contrast, Oregon with 25 years history with MAID does ask clients about end-of-life concerns – revealing that **only 28% of Oregon patients listed “inadequate pain control” as an end-of-life concern.** And revealing that the primary worries were “diminished ability to enjoy life” (90% of patients), “loss of autonomy” (90% of patients), “loss of dignity” (72%), and “burden on family” (48%) [citation = tinyurl.com/baum3dy2]. With this information we could offer expanded mental health assistance and hospice to address our people's end-of-life concerns.

Please vote in favor of the proposed amendments to more fully protect Colorado citizens requesting MAID.