

A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, is holding a large white sign with blue text. The sign reads "End-of-Life Options for ALL". She is looking up and to the right with a slight smile. The background is a bright, slightly overexposed outdoor scene with trees and a clear sky.

Arizona End-of-Life Options

Your life - Your death - Your choice

Hello.



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Resources:

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azendoflifeoptions.org



compassionandchoices.org

DEATH WITH DIGNITY

deathwithdignity.org



Advocacy raises
awareness of an issue
and is most meaningful
when it comes from
constituents.

How can advocacy benefit AZELO:

- Sharing facts and information
- Dispelling myths
- Demonstrates public support
- Increase the issue's visibility
- Inspires others to speak

**Advocacy sets the table on the broader issues so the lobbying effort can be most effective on the narrow issues*



Advocacy DOs:

- Learn the basics before contacting
- Identify yourself and cause everytime you contact
 - *Legislators meet hundreds of people and they can't remember everyone*
- Know the status of bill and refer by its number
- Be brief (<10min). Legislators are busy.
- Be honest and authentic.
- Admit you don't know and offer to find answer
- Ask the legislator for their support
- Share contact information so they may follow-up

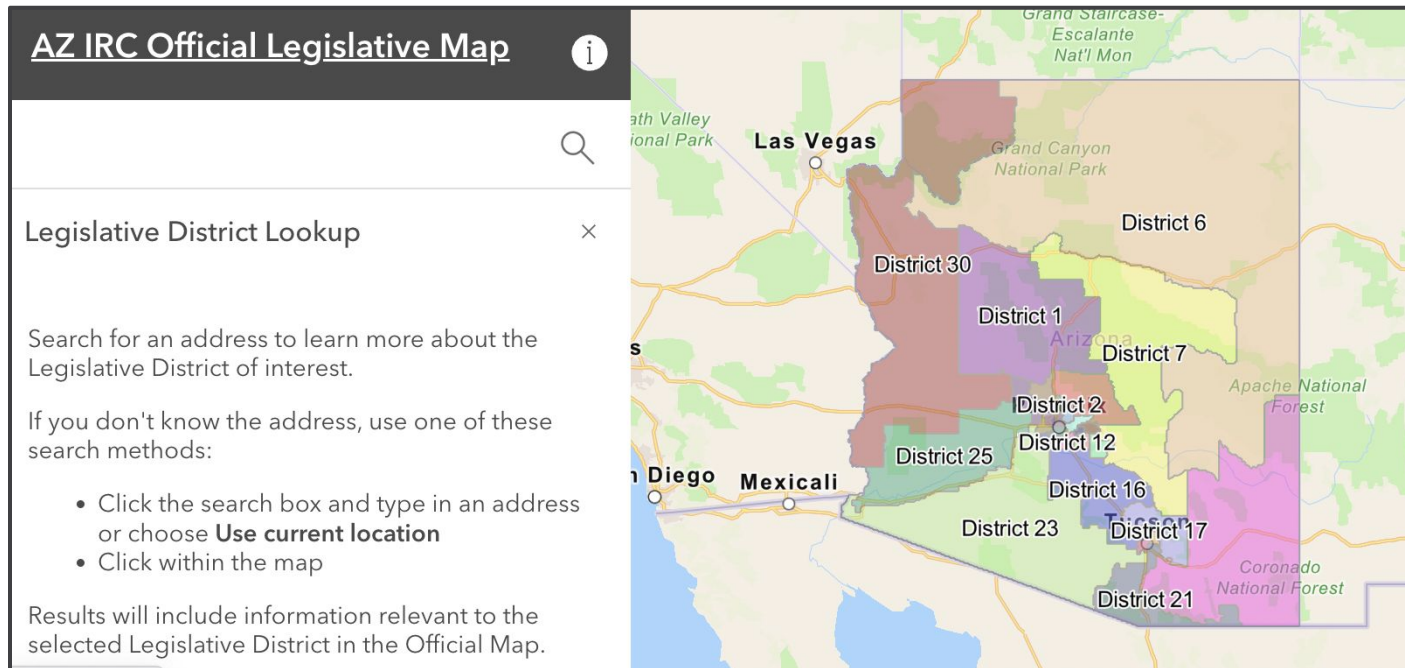
Advocacy DON'Ts:

- Don't be partisan, argumentative, or put legislators on the defensive
- Don't just speak, listen too
- Don't expect legislators to be specialists **They're busy and therefore generalists*
- Don't use jargon or acronyms.
- Don't be put off by long-winded answers
- Don't take anything personally or burn bridges
- Don't be offended if they're unable to meet and has you meet with staff.
- Don't use form letters or say the exact same things as others.

Remember, you and
your lawmaker need
each other.

How do I find my Legislator?

Identify your legislative district and representative. Enter your address [here](#).



AZ IRC Official Legislative Map ⓘ

Search

Legislative District Lookup ✕

Search for an address to learn more about the Legislative District of interest.

If you don't know the address, use one of these search methods:

- Click the search box and type in an address or choose **Use current location**
- Click within the map

Results will include information relevant to the selected Legislative District in the Official Map.

The map displays Arizona with legislative districts numbered 1 through 30. Key locations labeled include Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson, San Diego, and Mexicali. Natural landmarks such as Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante Nat'l Mon, Apache National Forest, and Coronado National Forest are also shown.

How do I contact my Legislator?

You can send a personal email or call their office. Your legislator's contact can be found @ azleg.gov/memberroster.



Preparing to connect:

- Before calling or testifying, write a script
- Keep it simple but significant
- Identify yourself as a voter
- Share a personal story
- Use compelling stats, such as polling
- Share endorsements
- Remind them ELO are personal choices

Use different narratives:

- Empathy for those suffering
- Dispelling misinfo such as coercion
- Doctors support (polling)
- Seniors support (polling)
- Religious parishioners support (polling)
- Influential supporters: Colleagues, mentors, etc.

End of Life Options Act:

A terminally ill adult patient, with a prognosis of six-months or less to live and suffering from an incurable disease, may obtain a doctor's prescription for medicine they may voluntarily take to peacefully and compassionately end their life.



Why Arizona Needs the Medical Aid in Dying Option

Significant criteria:

- Confirmed terminal illness with prognosis of 6 months or less
- Be an adult, aged 18+
- Age or disability does not make eligible
- Be mentally capable of making an informed healthcare decision
- Be able to self-administer medication
- Coercion is a crime

Further safeguards:

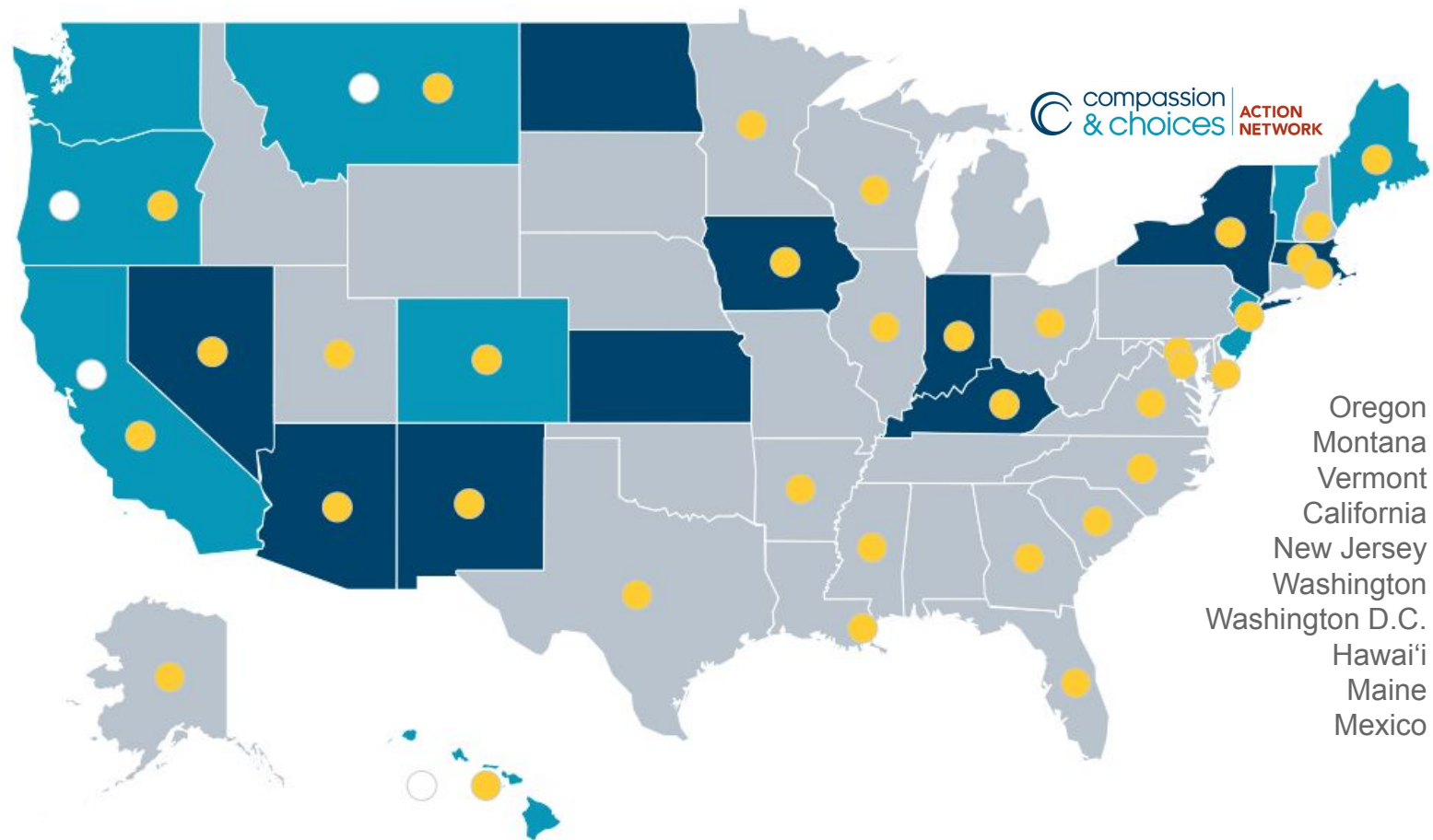
- 2 separate verbal requests plus written request
- Patient must be assessed by a mental health professional
- Attending healthcare provider must inform the patient about ALL of their end-of-life care options
- A patient can withdraw the request or not take the medicine
- Life insurance payments can't be denied to the families
- No physician, provider or pharmacist is required to participate
- Healthcare providers receive civil and criminal immunity
- Unused medication must be disposed/protected
- Lethal injection forbidden

Typical patient:

- Patient is older (70-90)
- Suffering from terminal cancer/pulmonary disease/ALS
- Bed-ridden, hospice care and reliant on pain meds and machines to live.

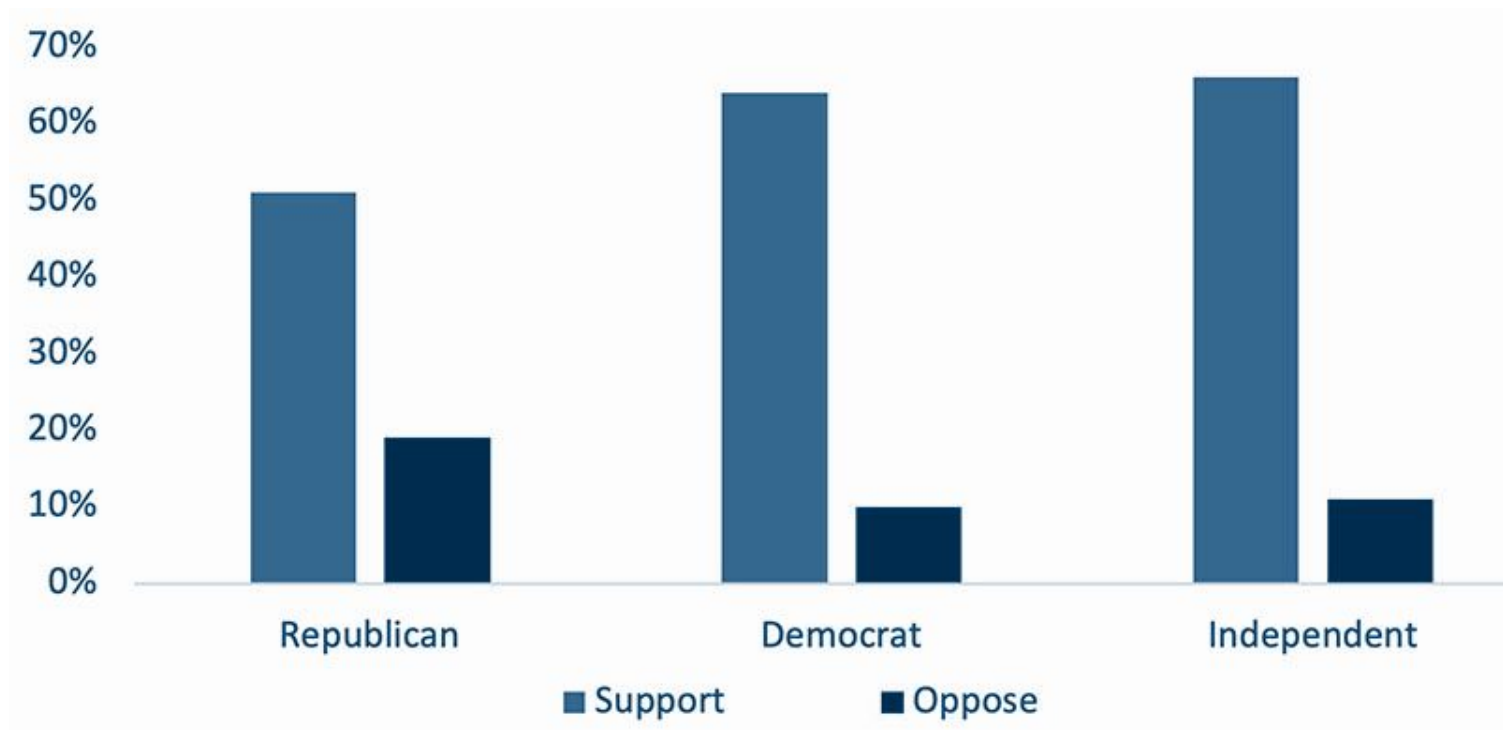


Current authorized states:



Polling

- OH Predictive (Arizona), January 2022 - 60%



Doctors Support ELOA:

HealthLeaders

POLL: MANY DOCTORS HAVE WISHED A PATIENT HAD RIGHT TO DIE

NEWS | BY [ALEXANDRA WILSON PECCI](#) | JULY 06, 2017

Physicians increasingly support the concept of assisted death, but few have been part of one, even in states where it's legal.

62% of doctors who practice in states that do not allow assisted death reported that they had been in a situation in which they wished the patient could have been able to exercise that right. Also, 56% respondents believe the passage of physician-assisted dying laws is a positive development.

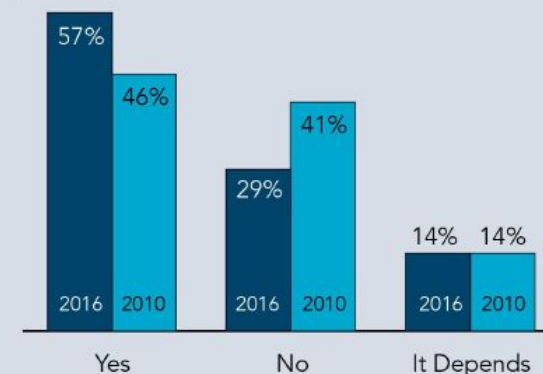
News > Medscape Medical News > Clinician Insights

Medscape

Doctor Support for Assisted Death Rises, but Debate Continues

the number of physicians who thought PAS should be legalized or decriminalized. One-hundred-and-seven (57, 60%) physicians thought PAS should be legal

Should physician assisted suicide or physician assisted dying be allowed for terminally ill patients?



Religious leaders support ELO:



Archbishop
Desmond Tutu



Methodist Reverend
Dr Ignacio Castuera



Presbyterian Reverend
Dr. Paul Smith



Christian Reverend
Verdell Wright



Reverend
Cedric A. Harmon



Rabbi
Donald Berlin



Primary message:

**HEAR
THE
BILL!**

legislative history:



ARIZONA

DEATH WITH DIGNITY

2022

On February 9, 2022 the Arizona State Legislature introduced HB2762, a medical aid-in-dying bill. After the first reading in the House, the bill does not move forward.

2020

Death with Dignity bills HB2582, SB1384, and SB1497, introduced and referred to legislative committees. None of the bills advance.

2019

Death with Dignity bills HB2408, HB2512, and SB1193 introduced this session. None of the bills advance.

2018

Four Death with Dignity bills introduced this session (HB2102, HB2611 SB1222, and SB1414). None of the bills advance.

Target priorities:

- AZLEG leadership
- Senate HHS leadership
- House HHS leadership

* Local media

Leadership:

In Senate:

- Senate President Warren Petersen
- Senate Majority Leader Sonny Borrelli
- HHS Chair Sen. T.J. Shope
- HHS Vice Chair Sen. Janae Shamp

In House

- House Speaker Rep. Ben Toma
- House Majority Leader Rep. Leo Biasiucci
- HHS Chair Rep. Steve Montenegro
- HHS Vice Chair Rep. Barbara Parker

Senate Health & Human Services:

1. Senator T.J. Shope (Chair)
2. Senator Janae Shamp (Vice Chair)
3. Senator Sonny Borrelli
4. Senator Justine Wadsack
5. Senator Sally Ann Gonzales
6. Senator Theresa Hatathlie
7. Senator Eva Burch

House Health & Human Services:

1. Rep. Steve Montenegro (Chair)
2. Rep. Barbara Parker (Vice Chair)
3. Rep. Selina Bliss
4. Rep. Matt Gress
5. Rep. Beverly Pingerelli
6. Rep. Amish Shah (Ranking)
7. Rep. Alma Hernandez
8. Rep. Christopher Mathis
9. Rep. Patty Contreras

Talking points:

- The issue is supported by a majority of your constituents
- This issue deserves a hearing
- This issue is worth a debate
- Give Arizonans a hearing so they may share their comments publically

OpEds/LTEs:

Local news welcomes original letters with ideas and viewpoints that encourage discussion.

Letters should be:

- Short (150-200 words)
- Authentic (origin from personal email)
- Truthful
- Compelling/Engaging
- Social-media shareable

End-of-life options are personal decisions

Choosing medical aid in dying is only one end-of-life care option. Those who are opposed need not choose it. Ultimately, this is a personal decision that only the individual can make and that's why the Arizona electorate supports this legislation.

"DOs" and "DON'Ts" of Effective Advocacy

DOs

- Learn the basics about the legislator before contacting them.
- Identify yourself and your cause every time you make contact.
*Legislators meet hundreds of people every day.
- Know the status of the legislation.
- Be brief (<10min). Legislators have busy schedules.
- Be honest and authentic.
- Do admit you don't know and ask for help.
- Do send information back and forth.
- Ask the legislator for support.
- Share your contact information.

DON'Ts

- Don't just speak, listen.
- Don't be argumentative or confrontational.
- Don't expect legislators to do everything for you. Legislators' workloads tend to make this difficult.
- Don't use jargon or acronyms.
- Don't be put off by long-winded answers.
- Don't make promises you can't keep.
- Don't shy away from meeting with legislators on their own terms.
- Don't take anything personally.
- Don't be offended if a legislator doesn't support your cause.
- Don't use form letters or scripts.

DEATH WITH DIGNITY

HOW TO TALK TO LEGISLATORS ABOUT DEATH WITH DIGNITY

To pass Death with Dignity laws, we must communicate the importance of the law in as many ways as we can - writing letters and emails, making phone calls, publicly testifying, and speaking with legislators directly. Speaking with legislators directly can be challenging. Many will give vague or partial answers. With the right strategy, questioning legislators about Death with Dignity will help lead to meaningful commitments and straightforward answers.

PREPARATION:

- Look up the status of Death with Dignity in your state, and look up your elected leader's history of support (or opposition) on any pending bills.

LOGISTICS:

- Find opportunities to speak with legislators by following them on social media or signing up for town hall meetings.
- At public events, position yourself in the front of the crowd and have your sign ready to hold up immediately at the start of the event to draw attention to the chances of being called on.
- Ask a specific question to the legislator. In a large group setting, you may only get one chance to speak.
- Record their response. Follow up with the legislator's office if helpful.
- Spread the word. Share your experience with friends, family, and other legislators.

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**THANK
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