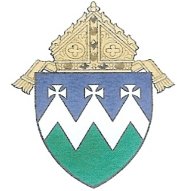




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Diocese of Reno  
Bishop Randolph Calvo,

April 13, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There are two bills in the Nevada legislature which would make doctor prescribed suicide legal in our state. Although there are differences in SB 105 and AB 351 each provides that if a patient has been diagnosed with a medical condition which may be terminal within six months, the treating physician is required to inform the patient that they may request their doctor to prescribe suicide pills.

In states such as Oregon and California, which have enacted doctor prescribed suicide, some medical insurance companies have refused to approve medical procedures requested by physicians, and have instead informed the treating physician that the insurance company will only approve prescribing the suicide pills. What will the insurance companies do next? Will the insurance companies deny treatment to people with medical conditions, or disabilities, which would be fatal without expensive medical procedures, and, instead, only offer to pay for the suicide pills? Will the elderly be denied potential lifesaving treatments, and be offered the choice to take a deadly poison, so they “won’t” be a burden on their family? Stated differently, will the “right to die”, turn into a “duty to die”?

What impact would these bills have on young people struggling with emotional issues and considering suicide. What about persons battling depression or suffering from traumatic brain injury? What is the message to our veterans, who are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder? Do SB 105 and AB 351 send our veterans the message that suicide is an acceptable alternative? In Oregon, the total suicide rate has increased by more than twice the national suicide rate since physician assisted suicide was passed.

The proponents of SB 105 and AB 351 view these laws as progress. We believe that legalizing physician assisted suicide in Nevada will lead to the same issues which now plague Oregon and California.

We ask for your help in making our legislators understand the Church’s position on physicians assisted suicide. Please make your opposition on SB 105 and AB 351 clear to Nevada Legislators by following the instructions in the attachments.

Please also call your Senator and Assemblyperson and leave a message that you oppose SB 105 and AB 351. Thank you.

In Christ,

Bishop Randolph R. Calvo  
Diocese of Reno

Bishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
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## Share Your Opinion on Legislative Bills

### QR Code:

Use the below QR code to take you straight to the Opinions Page at the Nevada Legislature:



- On the *Select Bill*, click or enter: *AB351*
- In the *Your Opinion on the Bill*, select *Against*
- You may make comments in the *Your Comments on the Bill*
- Fill in the *Your Information* section.

-OR-

### Via Internet:

- Go to: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/81st2021/>
- Scroll down to *Share Your Opinion on Legislative Bills*
- On the *Select Bill*, click or enter: *AB351*
- Scroll down to the *Your Opinion of the Bill* and click on *Against*
- Fill in the *Your Information* section.

Follow the same procedure with *SB105*.

-OR-

### Call the Legislature:

From Northern Nevada:

- 800-978-2878;
- 800-995-9080; or
- 800-992-0973;

From Southern Nevada:

- 702-486-2626

Tell the person who answers that you would like to register your opinions regarding AB351 and SB105. The staff person will take your information and register your positions.

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Let your voice be heard on legislative issues



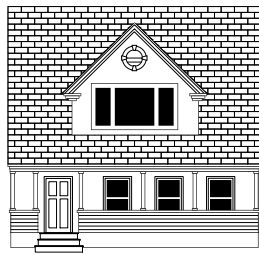
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Go to  
[www.leg.state.nv.us//Session/81st2021/](http://www.leg.state.nv.us//Session/81st2021/)

### Select a bill number

Bills that originate in the Assembly use AB as the first letters; bills that come from the Senate use SB as the first letters

Select  
In Favor  
or  
Against



### Enter your address

This information is necessary so that the Senator or Representative of your district knows where you live.

You also have the opportunity to comment.

This information is used by the legislators.

It helps them to measure public support or opposition.

OR send a letter to them at 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701-4747

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Que su voz sea escuchada en temas legislativos



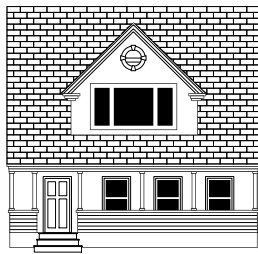
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Seleccione un número de Proyecto

Proyecto que originan en la Asamblea utilizan AB como las primeras letras; proyecto que originan en el Senado utilizan SB como las primeras letras.

Seleccione  
a favor o en contra



Introduzca su domicilio

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