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Physician Assisted Suicide – New York State has 2 bills regarding physician assisted suicide (S.5814 (Bonacie)/A.5261-B (Paulin) and bill S.3685 (Savino)/A.2129-A (Rosenthal), These bill would allow physicians to prescribe lethal drugs to patients who illnesses will likely cause them to pass away within six months. Often physicians are wrong about how long a patient will live. Leaders across the political spectrum have decried Physician assisted suicide (PAS) for its corruption of the physician-patient relationship; the potential for patients to be pressured by relatives or medical professionals into taking their own lives; the implied assumption that the lives of terminally ill persons are not worth living and the inherent incentive for insurers to promote it as an alternative to costly medical care. Contact your State Senator Terrence Murphy (914-962-2624 or 518-455-3111) and State Assemblyman Steve Katz (845-628-3781 or 518-455-5783) to oppose these bills.