



New Mexico  
Public Health Association  
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Dear New Mexico End of Life Options Coalition,

We are pleased to inform you that the New Mexico Public Health Association (NMPHA) Board voted to endorse your proposed legislation to establish Aid in Dying as a legal practice in New Mexico as a priority this year, HB90 and SB153. This year, we have organized a volunteer advocacy team coordinated by Melissa Ontiveros and Shelley Mann-Lev who will be actively responding to the requests of our priority champions for assistance.

NMPHA's endorsement includes the following:

- Your organization is entitled to state that your legislative proposal has been endorsed by NMPHA.
- Your organization is entitled, through the NMPHA advocacy team liaison, to send out action alerts to the NMPHA list serve. Due to the large number of requests for posting legislative alerts and the urgency that is usually involved, it is your responsibility to contact your NMPHA Advocacy liaison about posting an alert.
- Based on volunteer capacity and availability, an NMPHA representative may give public comment at committee hearings or visit legislative offices to speak in support of your proposal. Unfortunately, NMPHA does not have the resources to hire a paid lobbyist, however we do have a volunteer advocacy team who hope to be able to be present at important committee hearings.
- Your proposal will be included as one of our priorities on a one-pager listing the legislative proposals that NMPHA is endorsing this year that will be shared with all legislators and posted on our website at [www.nmpa.org](http://www.nmpa.org). We will send you a copy of the one-pager as soon as it is completed.

Before the session starts, NMPHA will assign an Advocacy Liaison who will work with you during the session to coordinate our advocacy efforts and respond to your requests. Please don't hesitate to contact Melissa or Shelley directly (by text, phone or email) if you have any needs or concerns that you would like addressed.

Thank you for submitting your proposed legislation to us for our consideration and for your efforts to improve public health in New Mexico. Best wishes for the success of your legislation in this year's session.

Sincerely,

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