

New Mexico Nurse Practitioner Council



January 25, 2019

Re: MAID Bill
HB 90 SB 153

To Whom It May Concern:

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are registered nurses with Master's or Doctorate level advanced education. The approximately 1700 New Mexico nurse practitioners are trained in the diagnosis and treatment of health and illness concerns of their patients.

As a person ages, he/she may develop health conditions leading to a terminal stage of the disease process; many times NPs are the provider who has cared for the patient during the course of the illness. The NP has developed a relationship with the patient and family creating the trust to communicate options for end of life care. Nurse practitioners have the knowledge and training, the expertise, the communication skills, and willingness to provide the best care at the right time for patients in their care. Nurse practitioners are qualified to participate in end of life discussions and planning with our patients and their families.

Sincerely,

NMNPC Board of Directors