

August 24, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 282 (Jones-Sawyer) – Aiding, advising, or encouraging suicide: exemption from prosecution.

At its May 11, 2018 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) adopted a **SUPPORT** position on AB 282 (Jones-Sawyer). This bill would prohibit a person whose actions are compliant with the End of Life Option Act from being prosecuted for deliberately aiding, advising, or encouraging suicide.

This bill codifies the intent of the End of Life Option Act to create a safe and legal way for physicians and psychologists to assist individuals suffering from terminal illnesses to die with dignity. This bill simply codifies that these professional's participation in this process, when done in compliance with the End of Life Option Act, is not a prosecutable offense.

For this reason, the Board asks that you sign AB 282 (Jones-Sawyer). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Officer, Antonette Sorrick, at (916) 574-7113. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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President, Board of Psychology

Cc: Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer
Camille Wagner, Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor