

LETTER

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Dear Dr. Maher,

What does futility look like to a person experiencing it through the words and actions of their psychiatrist? What happens when one's last hope bails because one's last hope knows only their own hopelessness? Futility is a word used to buffer boredom, exhaustion, disbelief, and often, hatred. Futility excuses further interaction. Futility transfers responsibility from the doctor to the patient. Futility is unapologetic as logic and a clear reason for goodbye without further explanation.

For the above reasons, I would not like to see the MAID law changed to include people with mental health disabilities, diagnoses, issues, assumptions.

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