

Exclusively for the Compassion & Choices Volunteer Action Network

## SPECIAL FALL ACTION: ASK THEM WHERE THEY STAND!

Election season is the perfect time to ask your elected representatives where they stand on medical aid in dying. Simply call their office and ask the question! Whatever their position, it will help raise the profile of the issue.

1. Find your representatives on your state legislature's website. Simply call the number and explain that you are inquiring about the elected official's position on medical aid in dying (you can reference California's recent law).
2. Click the box on the right [to send an e-mail](#) to your elected officials asking for their support!

Program Track:  
MEDICAL AID IN DYING

Activity Dates:  
Through December 31, 2016

Additional Resources:  
The [Lobbying Toolkit](#) offers best practices for communicating with elected officials.



**CONTACT Your Lawmakers  
and Ask Them to Consider  
Medical Aid in Dying**

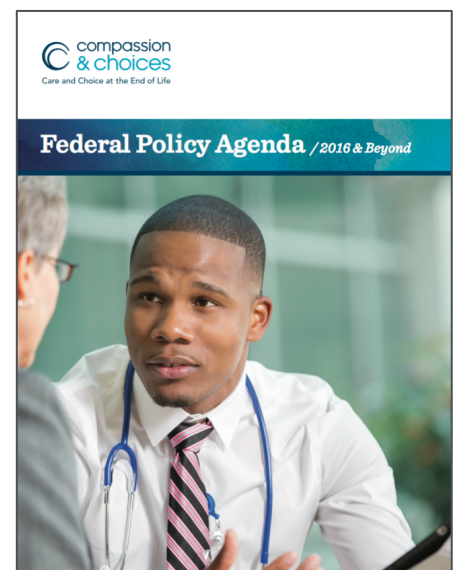
## EDUCATE: FEDERAL POLICY AGENDA

Did you know Compassion & Choices created a plan for national healthcare reform? As an advocate for the full range of end-of-life options, it's important that you have a good understanding of our federal policy agenda and of the federal-level policies that can affect you and your family.

Action: Read Compassion & Choices' new [Federal Policy Agenda](#)

Program Track:  
FEDERAL POLICY

Activity Dates:  
Through January 31, 2016



## SUPPORT: END-OF-LIFE STORIES

Poignant end-of-life stories like those of Brittany Maynard (photo: right) or Miguel Carrasquillo can inspire people to action in ways that data or statistics cannot. Compassion & Choices is embarking on a new campaign to collect stories and personal experiences from people and their loved ones who are confronting the end of life. Yours could be the story that inspires the next leap in our movement. We are especially looking for people with life threatening illnesses who want to help break the cycle of “one-size-fits-all” healthcare.

1. [Submit your own story here](#)
2. Make a list of people that you know who are confronting end-of-life experiences
3. Reach out to everyone on your list and encourage them to share their story through our “[Submit Your Story](#)” page.

## ADVOCATE: CALLING ALL LAWYERS

Compassion & Choices (C&C) is currently seeking volunteer attorneys with a commitment to improving care and expanding choice for the end of life for our Appellate Court Monitoring Project. Volunteers will contribute 2-4 hours per week and report directly to our staff attorney. We request a one-year commitment.

If you or anybody you know is an attorney and would like to learn more about this special legal advocacy volunteer position, contact Jonathan Patterson, Compassion & Choices staff attorney, at [jpatterson@compassionandchoices.org](mailto:jpatterson@compassionandchoices.org)

Program Track:  
SPEAKING & STORYTELLING

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## ADVOCACY IN ACTION: THE LATEST UPDATES



Compassion & Choices volunteers and campaigners are working across the country on a range of end-of-life issues.

[Read the latest updates](#) from California, New York, DC, New Jersey, and our federal policy work in on the Hill.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

NEW AND UPDATED!  
RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- House Party Toolkit
- Video for Terminally Ill People
- Local Resolutions Toolkit

RECENT NEWS ITEMS:

- Washington Post Editorial:  
"Make the District a Place to Die with Dignity"
- Washington City Paper:  
"Let Me Die My Way"
- NJ Spotlight:  
"'Aid in Dying' Up for Debate Again"
- Colorado Pols:  
"Gut-Punch Compelling Yes on 106 Ad"
- Boston Globe:  
"To Die with Dignity, He Left the U.S."

Click the links above to go to the articles or documents.



### Upcoming Volunteer Trainings and Events

Brownbag: November 9<sup>th</sup>\*  
"The Campaign in Colorado"  
By Jess Grennan

Hear what worked and what didn't in the campaign, including messaging and best practices that volunteers can take away from CO's experience.

Brownbag: December 7<sup>th</sup>\*  
"Medical Aid in Dying and People with Disabilities "  
By Charmaine Manansala

Learn why some members of the disability community oppose medical aid in dying and why they should be our allies.

\*Always at noon PST / 3:00 p.m. EST

[To listen to recordings of previous sessions click here.](#)

### C&C needs Action Teams in every state ...

and that means we need

## LEADERS LIKE YOU!

To step up and lead a Compassion & Choices volunteer action team in your state, please e-mail:  
[volunteer@compassionandchoices.org](mailto:volunteer@compassionandchoices.org)

Click the boxes above to visit the corresponding webpage on [CompassionAndChoices.org](http://CompassionAndChoices.org).

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