



New York Newspapers Have Editorialized in Favor of Medical Aid in Dying

The following papers have editorialized in favor of medical aid in dying:

- *The New York Times*
- *The Albany Times Union*
- *The Buffalo News*
- *The Middletown Times Herald-Record*
- *The Oneonta Daily Star*

Below are excerpts of these editorial endorsements:

The Oneonta Daily Star, "[Aid-in-dying bill should get state approval](#)," May 6, 2018

"This legislation would not mandate those who are near the end of their lives to take life- ending medication. It just gives those who are suffering an option."

The Middletown Times Herald-Record, "Aid-in-dying legislation slowly gaining support," April 24, 2018

"Each year that passes provides another chance to examine the experience in the other states, another chance to show that while there are those who will always be opposed to this idea in principle, the practical objections and concerns about abuse are overstated."

The Middletown Times Herald-Record, "Ruling on aid-in-dying may hamper legislation," September 11, 2017

"The experience in other states demonstrates conclusively that the concerns about creating more victims have been met. All states that have enacted such laws have broad and deep safeguards and require transparency to avoid just such victimization."

The Buffalo News, "[Terminally ill should have access to help in ending their suffering](#)," June 1, 2017

"Six states and the District of Columbia, along with Canada, already allow some level of physician assistance for terminally ill patients who choose to die. Terminally ill New Yorkers in intractable pain deserve the same opportunity under carefully considered guidelines."

The Albany Times Union, "[Suffering's silent treatment](#)," July 5, 2015

"...such spiritual beliefs are far from universal. They should not be used to hinder intelligent, compassionate laws that respect the right of suffering people, should they choose, to choose to die peacefully, with dignity, on their own terms."

The New York Times, "[Offering a Choice to the Terminally Ill](#)," March 14, 2015

"As local lawmakers around the country debate the bills, they should consider how successfully and responsibly the law has been carried out in Oregon...The law provides layers of safeguards to ensure proper diagnosis of the disease, determine a patient's competency to make the decision, and protect against coercion."