

**Bishop Jaime Soto: Statement on the California Assembly Health Committee's decision not to consider 'The End of Life Options Act' (Senate Bill 128)**

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"Because of the voices of good reason and faith, the euthanasia bill, SB 128, has been postponed by the authors for this year. After having passed the Senate with little serious consideration the bill ran into a wall of well-reasoned concerns for the sick, the vulnerable, and the real threat of undermining sound medical care.

"I am grateful to everyone who chose not to remain indifferent to this moral challenge and gave voice to human dignity and common sense. Let us now be wise enough to understand that the proponents of euthanasia will not relent. Now is the time to reconnect with our beautiful Catholic teaching about end of life. We must communicate to our neighbors as well as cultivate in our society the gospel of joy that gives life and hope to all."