

As a clinical psychologist, I have spent my career in an effort to ameliorate human suffering at every stage of the life cycle. I can see no reason for people to endure unnecessary suffering (mental or physical) in their final days. Nor can I understand why families must stand by helplessly as their loved ones beg them for help in dying. End of life care decisions belong to patients and their doctors. This is a very personal and private matter as well as a human rights issue.

The Oregon law is working. The people of Connecticut are in favor of legislation supporting aid in dying for terminally ill patients. I urge you to pass HB 5326

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