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I am not able to be part of the public hearing on 3/17, but want to express my support for compassionate aid in dying for the terminally ill.

Relief for the suffering and those who are so ill that they cannot make decisions for themselves, it is important that a dignified death can be legally achieved. No one wants to live either in constant pain, or without those characteristics that make him/her human. Aid in dying is mercy and kindness and should not be stigmatized.

On a practical level, the cost of care for someone terminally ill and on life support, etc. is brutal for most families, as well as being extremely costly for the government.

For those who invoke God, I say that a merciful higher power would reject suffering for all living creatures.

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