

Greetings,

I am FOR ***AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS*** allowing terminally ill persons to choose assisted suicide.

My father died of Emphysema. My mother died of Alzheimer's. Those are two of the most disgusting, torturous, humiliating ways to die that there is. They both knew there was no cure and that they were doomed, years before they died.

It would have been nice for them if they had had the option to choose their own moment to exit this world, with legal, compassionate assistance. Instead, we who loved them were required to watch them dwindle and die, very, very, very, very slowly. It was nightmarish torture for all of us. It was also very, very, very, very expensive, not that they didn't deserve every dollar spent.

Compassionate aid and blah blah blah. I am FOR it. I believe that each of us owns our own body, from birth, and that the state should support our rights over our own bodies. My body, my choice. I know there are some silly superstitions out there regarding suicide, but superstition shouldn't rule in matters of law and public health.

Also, freedom.

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PS: I vote.