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To the members of the Public Health Committee,

The idea that a person who is of sound mind but suffering greatly from a terminal physical condition is not allowed to make their own decision regarding when and how to die is shocking. (We take our pets to the vet when their lives are no longer bearable for them.) Other states are more progressive in this matter than Connecticut, which is normally a very progressive and civilized state and I am happy to live here. So it is time to allow terminally ill people to have this choice. Just having the choice available to him or her could make a person's end-of-life suffering bearable, even if he or she does not use it.

This country trumpets our respect for individual freedom, so let's give this freedom of choice to people who need it. It could be me, or you, or someone we love.

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