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I am not writing so much to give testimony to the above bill as I have no personal experience with physician assisted suicide. I am writing instead to declare that I believe it is an individual's most basic right to decide how they live, and that includes, where possible, how they die. If I have a right to life and liberty, shouldn't I have the right to choose not to live that life? If the person in question is of sound mind and they are in horrible pain, the humane thing to do would be to let them decide to end that torment. Opponents of the bill site what will happen to the elderly and disabled, but no one is suggesting that we round up the disabled for extermination. Instead, elderly, physically disabled, and any other person would have the right to end their suffering as they see fit. It is the humane thing to do.

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