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No one lives much past middle age without losing a parent or loved one. Most of us have watched, helpless and frightened, as some one we love has slipped or fallen into the inexorable and inevitable process of dying. Sometimes the journey is blessedly brief. Very, very rarely it's almost pain free. But mostly it's a long, torture filled path along which our loved one must be dragged until death brings relief.

I am 72 and I hope healthy. But I know with a certainty that will not always be the case. And although it's possible I'll be one of the fortunate few who goes to sleep one night and not get up the next day, more than likely that will not be the case. I'm an independent, strong woman. When my time comes and I face an inevitable, painful death, when I face the indignities that terminal disease brings, I want the option to be able to leave this world without horrific suffering. I want the option to spare my loved ones the trauma of watching me writhe and scream in pain.

I don't want to force my beliefs on anyone. I don't even know if I would avail myself of help in dying. I do know with all my heart, that having this choice is an act of compassion that you, the lawmakers can give to the residents of Connecticut. I've always been proud to live in this state, proud of the laws the legislature has passed to make life better for all of us. Now I urge you, no beg you, to help create the option of a better death as well for any of us who may choose it.

Thank you.

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