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This may be too late as it had to be forwarded to my new address. However, I not only want the right to die if terminally ill, I want to be able to die for other serious reasons as well. For the past few years, I have watched my mother evolve from a feisty old broad to the equivalent of an infant. She has Alzheimers, she can't carry on a conversation, she can't watch tv, can't walk, has only 1 arm that is barely usable and she had to be bathed, diapered, and fed by aids. This is not how I want to end my life. I want to be able to end it before I get to his point, should I ever be in danger of becoming like this. I am 73 years old. Most of my friends are younger than I, some are 20 years younger and most of my female friends, of all ages, and myself, are searching for a way to end our lives in the event we deem it necessary to avoid pain and suffering of any kind.

We put our animals down to end their suffering yet all these Christian conservative right wingnuts will let their mother suffer terribly until the bitter end just because it's what "they" (or Jesus) want, NOT what their mother probably wants, if she were to have a choice. I am sick of these people trying to make all of society conform to their erroneous beliefs and I want the right to die when I feel it is necessary, regardless of whether or not I have a terminal illness. Life is terminal, we're all going to die at some point so why should we have to have a "terminal" illness to allow us to die on our terms? I want this law passed but with more liberal terminology because before I will allow my life to become like my mother's, I WILL find a way out.

Sincerely

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