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I am a retired physician. I am no stranger to death and dying. I am not afraid of dying, but having seen the American way of death up close, I have to tell you that I most certainly am afraid of the process of dying. When I die, I want to die with dignity and without prolonged and useless suffering. I implore the members of the General Assembly to act to grant me the right to die as I choose. I could not forgive those who would act to strip me of my dignity, prolong my suffering and ignore my last rights as a human being.

I understand that there are those who have religious objections to this proposal. I say let them choose for themselves the time and manner of their death, but why should they have the right to deprive me of my choices? How I face the end of my life should be my decision.

As a doctor, I believe that providing a peaceful and dignified death to those who have reached the end of their life is an act of compassion and it confounds me that there are people who would treat a dying dog with greater humanity than they are willing to extend to me.

Respectfully,  
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