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On Monday, March 16, 2015 2:23 PM, Ingrid Moe <dimoe94@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I would like to go on record as strongly supporting "Right to Die" legislation in Connecticut. No government has the right to tell a terminally ill patient that they can not check out with a measure of dignity. This should be obvious, esp. to Republicans, whose governing philosophy demands a minimum amount of interference from government and champions individual rights and the maximization of human freedom.

My father died from colon cancer while begging for mercy. None was to be had. He wanted desperately to die and end his hospice care which dragged on unrelentingly. He was a man with immense pride and dignity. This was stripped away during his prolonged death. Isn't it about time that Connecticut offered its terminally ill patients the mercy and compassion they deserve? If someone believes that God gives life and only God can take life and they're terminally ill and in unremitting pain, my answer to them is "Be my guest. Do your thing." But don't tell me that you have the right to restrict my freedom and thus force me to conform to your religious beliefs. If a doctor is willing to prescribe a lethal dose of sleeping pills to me, shouldn't I be able to call my family together and say my goodbyes to my loved ones and die with mercy and dignity. Must they watch me suffer a prolonged and drawn out death? Mercy demands that Connecticut step forward and pass this compassionate legislation.

I would come and gladly testify myself if only my current health allowed it. Please do the right thing.

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