

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Clancy and I lost my father 5 years ago, the day before my birthday and 2 days before his, to cancer. We found out in September of 2010 that his skin cancer which was now stage 4 Melanoma was back. Of course as any other family we came together and we fought. My father started treatment in October at Smilow Cancer Hospital. I remember staying with him through all treatments and taking overnight shifts when needed with my mother and brother. We were filled with hope and determined to beat this cancer. After a few months (now April of 2011) the doctors said that the treatments were not working and the best thing they could do would be to make him comfortable. I was enraged. There were so many other treatments out there why wasn't my father able to try them? Why was his life less important than any others who were given those other treatments or drugs. Who are doctors to decide who lives and who dies. My father was strong and willing to fight and it disgusts me that his doctors did not fight for him. Instead, my father, my hero who I always admired (and always will) I watched him deteriorate before my very eyes.

May 12, 2011 my father passed away. I am begging you to change this law! Give others who are ill the chance of hope and the chance of life that was taken away from my father. Something has to be done. No one's life is more or less important. All lives matter. This needs to change NOW.

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