

To you, this law may mean little. Perhaps you are lucky enough to never have seen a loved one slowly deteriorate to this terrible disease, to see the pain in their eyes with each labored breath. If you haven't I guess I need to help you understand on behalf of far too many family members and friends that would give anything for a chance, however small, to have more time. My grandfather, slowly choking to death on the tumor in his throat and surrounding organs had barely a month before he left us. There was nothing they could do, they said. My aunt, with brain tumors that just kept growing back, in constant pain, bloated with medication and just wanting to stay with her soulmate, fighting until the last moment to be here deserved the right to try instead of just fade away, since "there was nothing they could do." My friend Joe, slowly and bit by bit being torn away from the love of his life as she fought side by side with him against this terrible disease. And sadly, my father and I both have polyps in our colons that our doctors keep removing, but warn us are precancerous. I want to know I have the right to try, because it's not just someone else's fight: it's personal. We never know who this disease may affect, but I know we have to do EVERYTHING we can to help them, and each other. Please support your family members, friends, neighbors, or maybe even yourself someday, by giving these patients the "Right To Try."

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Sincerely,
Lisa Varbero