

To whom it may concern;

I am writing in support of medical aid in dying. Watching my mother decline due to brain cancer was really sad, and she always said that if she were to become terminally ill, and there was a choice, she would want to have medical aid for dying.

There have been surveys where it shows 7 out of 10 people are in support of medical aid in dying; and over 50 percent of doctors are also in support. It is something that would be an option only for those who are mentally able to make that decision for themselves and have 6 months or less to live. It isn't something that would be forced upon anyone, and the individual could certainly change their mind down the road if they chose to.

The idea of helping terminally ill people die with dignity and peace is a kind and compassionate idea. Why should any of us die in pain and suffer through it if there is a better option? There are many people who would rather not spend the last months of their lives feeling scared while waiting to die. One needs to ask themselves.....if I were dying of some terrible illness that brought me to a zero quality of life, what is the point of toughing it out when the end is going to come anyway?

Please consider this very important option that would help end needless suffering for those who are dying, as well as for those who sit by and watch.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Beck