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Dear Ms. Topic,

I'm writing to fervently support the movement towards people being able to die with dignity with physician-assisted death if that is the individual's wish.

Long ago, I watched each member of my family of origin die horrible, drawn-out deaths which caused each one great prolonged suffering and also for those who loved them. How different it would have been if they had been assisted to end their needless misery.

At almost seventy, I dread facing a similar thing myself, and how it would affect my young daughter who is my only family.

I have a living will (Advance Health Directive) but I have no guarantee it will be enforced. Surely, even if bigger changes take time, these directives should be made legally binding. That would save a huge amount of future suffering and also a great deal of money.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Toulantas.