

As a 74 year old, healthy woman I am in favor of H.B. 5417. What worries me most about dying is not having any control over how and when it will occur should I become too ill or incapacitated to have any hope of once again living a life that I would consider worth living. I do not want to be kept alive when all hope is lost. I do not want to end my days with others having to take care of my bodily functions and needs. I want death with dignity not tubes and artificial means of keeping me alive. I want choice in how I end my days. If I choose not to have certain procedures or treatments I should also be able to choose to have medications that will ease my dying. I have chosen how I want to live my life and I want to choose how I will end it.

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