

It is time for the CT legislature to enact a law that shows compassion in dying, allowing people with terminal illnesses, horrible pain or discomfort and lack of any quality of life to end their lives under the care of their physicians. As a pet owner who considers their pets as family members, I have had to have my vet help my babies cross when they were suffering from the end of battles with cancer, a stroke, and renal failure. It was the hardest thing to do but it was my parting and loving gift to end their suffering.

Why can we compassionately stop our pets' suffering but not make that decision for our own suffering, lack of quality of life, and lack of dignity?

I won't pretend to make that decision for anyone else but I want CT to make it legal for physicians to assist adults with terminal and debilitating illnesses to end their lives with dignity, when the patients request and even beg for it. I want that for myself and I want others to have that opportunity if that is what they want.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I am hoping that it's time for CT legislators to see this as the right thing to do. I believe that the majority of residents think there should be physician assisted aid in dying when it is clear that it is what their patient wants. The good thing is that other states have such a law and it will be easy to follow their lead.

Sincerely,
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