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I have been an ordained minister in RI for 17 years and for many years I also worked in the medical field. No one wants to see people suffer. But there are better ways to help people cope with end of life situations than euthanasia. I've seen so many families come together to care for a dying family member in wonderful ways. The compassion that is shown blesses not just the terminally ill person but it changes families for the better. Often relationships are healed, grieving takes place, emotions and acts of kindness begin to flow. I've seen good things come out of very difficult circumstances.

Medical science has improved when it comes to pain relief. And very often predictions on imminent death are not accurate. Recently this was the case with a friend who took in her ex-husband so her daughter could spend the last few weeks of her dad's life helping him. It turned out he lived over a year and he got to spend time with his granddaughter that he hardly knew. He also got to help his daughter celebrate turning 50. All these wonderful memories would have never happened had his life been cut short.

And then there are the horror stories of greed when children value their inheritance over relationships and they want to speed things along. Sadly, I've seen that also. Burying my own parents was challenging but I considered those end-of-life situations to be sacred and special. And, despite my parents not wanting 'to be a burden' They knew saying goodbye over a period of time was best for everyone. Thank you for reading this, please say NO to Euthanasia - vote against H5219

Sincerely,

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