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I am not an expert in end of life care, but have seen a few people die with dignity assisted by their loved ones with appropriate medical intervention.

I have also seen someone whose life was needlessly extended beyond the point where the person could make decisions.

It is surely a human right for life to be terminated with medical care when there is no prospect of recovery of sufficient quality of life to make that life worth living.

And surely it is each individual;s choice as to when that point is reached.

I support legislation that will give legal power to living wills and other mandates authorised by individuals as to their end of life wishes.

Excellent palliative care is also as important as good medical facilities. I believe this should be provided in adequate measures for the population as it ages.

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