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Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

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>> I support voluntary assisted dying.

>> As an octogenarian I have witnessed the lingering deaths of my parents and other adult friends. About 20 years ago I joined a voluntary euthanasia group, Exit International in order to affect some change in the dying process, especially mine!

>> In my observed experience death and dying can be long and miserable.

>> Elderly patients are often shuttled from aged care to hospital and back for many months with no hope of recovery. It is so sad and distressing to see erstwhile capable intelligent people lose their dignity and be kept alive beyond their use by date.

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>> People who believe in the supernatural are welcome to choose their god's decision about the right time to die. As an atheist I am not burdened with superstition about heaven and hell. By dying at a time of my choosing I will be saving young tax payers many thousands of dollars otherwise spent on lengthy medical care and accommodation.

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>> Spend it on the needy, not the likes of me and millions of others who desire legal VAD for themselves.

>> Thank you

>> Susan Liebke