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Legislative Assembly of WA
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Dear Sir/Madam,



I am an advocate for Dying with Dignity through personal experience with my husband who suffered a brain injury through a fall at 65 yrs, who I nursed at home for 10 yrs. There is help so they say, but it is amazing how you in most cases "DO NOT FIT THE CRITERIA TO GET HELP TO CARE FOR THEM OR IT IS VERY,VERY LIMITED". Once he was a proud, active man then to have no quality of life, could not communicate, totally dependent on me guessing his needs, the pain, lack of dignity through incontinence and just waiting, waiting. I will never forget the different expression of the eyes. We had quality family time and I have never regretted caring for him at home but we all suffered with him.

He had in place a "Living Will" etc with his request to the Choice of dying with dignity but with the law the way it is, all hands are tied.

Yours sincerely,

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