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I oppose this bill for assisting people to take their lives. I have seen people with terminal illness fighting for life to the end. I believe life is a precious gift and it is not ours to decide when we end it. When people are facing terminal illness they are not thinking of what could happen, but what they think will happen. They are not of sound mind in times like this. For people that do not have medical knowledge of what to do is not ok. We have a legal way of doing this and it should not be a non-medical person helping out. I think it is time that we do not decide when and how we should die, that is not for us to decide. I have been on the side of someone taking their life and it was a painful experience.