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Please oppose this bill for the sake of the mentally and physically ill and their loved ones. Some people claim that assisted suicide is ethical because you would be ending somebody's suffering. However, people perceive pain differently and anybody can claim to be suffering when their ailments are treatable or temporary. A person's life is a very serious thing, and we should not be deciding who lives and who dies.

There is reason for a person's life even when we cannot see it. We never know when God might heal someone or they might learn or teach somebody something really important while they are still alive, even if they are in a state of pain.

We should do everything we can to alleviate the pain and make people as comfortable as possible but killing them is not the answer. Just because somebody is in a dark room, does not mean that light is non-existent. Let people know there is hope and that they are not alone.

Everybody makes mistakes. Let's not open the door for people to make mistakes that they cannot undo.