

Hello,

Thank you for listening to this testimony.

### **My Mom Only Dies Once**

We know physician-assisted suicide is already happening in MN. Why else would you want to legalize it? After my Mom received her terminal Alzheimer's diagnosis of which there is no cure, a physician did help her with a forced death. The anguish of watching my Dad's suffering through this dilemma was heartbreaking. Satan surely had a good time when the door was opened to deny God's timing. My Mom was deceived about the process and couldn't comprehend the consequences of the options presented to her while she suffered with dementia. For some relatives, a mercy killing was a relief to them. The battle was real.

It has been 3 years since my Mom's death by physician-assisted suicide. The physician meant well. He truly felt he was doing the right thing. We did avoid all the awful end-of-life symptoms of Alzheimer's.

What the physician didn't comprehend was the way our family needed to come together during this time. When there's suffering and grief, life offers an opportunity to unite and support each other. Being the timing was changed by the physician, we were denied the time and opportunity to come together as a family.

It's over.

Our family didn't get the time to come together, to communicate truth and forgive issues of a lifetime of living. It's over now. My Mom is buried. We all go on with our lives. We won't ever come together as a family in the same way.

**We were denied the opportunity to experience God's timing for our family.** It's the part the physician will never know or experience. The physician will never realize the grief we hold in our hearts because we were denied a chance to have God work our hearts into perfection. The physician ended the dying process. Our family of 8 was just starting to heal when it all abruptly ended in awful symptoms and complications that were caused by the physician's plan for death.

Physician-assisted suicide has heartbreaking terrible consequences and complications that no God would ever offer to a patient. It makes a person want to run away from the entire situation. I'm sure many families look neglectful during this process. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone regardless of the diagnosis. The medical community has plenty of pain meds. We have plenty of time. We have plenty of love. Let's be stronger, smarter and let's care more about the patient who will continue to live into eternity. It's not the physician's job to rush death. It's not the physician who creates a soul.

Death requires help, not intentional killing regardless of the reason for the mercy killing. Allow families the time to understand God's work and timing. Life isn't meant to be on our timing. Our souls need God's

perfect timing. Please do NOT deny other families their right to unite in life during the death process.

Death is a process, sometimes a long-drawn-out process, and it wasn't my Mom's values and beliefs to die by physician-assisted suicide. Who would expect the medical profession to intentionally kill?

Even the name of the H.R. 1930 bill is misleading and deceiving as there's not just one physician involved.

It's physicians and physician's-assisted suicide. It's lonely and painful for the patient, downright cruelty.

The entire bill is a huge mistake.

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