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Hello,

My name is Bonnie Sand. I am a retired physician. I spent most of my career caring for elders in community clinics, the hospital and in various institutions. I cared for many people at end of life.

I would like to comment on LD 613 that eliminates some of the waiting period to choose to end life of suffering.

So many of my patients told me that they did not want to suffer at the end of their life. They also did not want to be a burden on their families. It's a question of dignity that most of us share. I found that the window of time that a person has to make choices can be brief. Sometimes waiting an extra few days is agony. I feel that anything we can do to ensure that people can make choices to not suffer and not feel they are burdening their loved ones is reasonable.

Please support LD 613. You might need this choice one day.