

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Room 303  
SB 202

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SENATE JUDICIARY  
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Nearly two years ago, my close friend Judy killed herself, alone, in her car in a parking lot and with a gun, because she could no longer bear the chronic pain of a number of incurable and progressive diseases. The day before she ended her suffering she told me that her life was unrelenting agony. She could not eat, sleep, sit, lie down or walk without pain. The prognosis was for her afflictions to worsen.

I believe she should have had access to medication that she could choose to self-administer so she could have died painlessly and peacefully at home with her family. Please vote for SB 202 so patients with terminal illness might not have to endure such a violent and lonely end to their unbearable suffering, and so our doctors are protected from those who would intrude on the most private choices of persons facing prolonged suffering before their certain death.

Respectfully submitted,

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