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To quit his 30-year addiction to cigarettes, my husband put 8 cigarettes in reserve; they were his go-to in case of need. Marylanders in terrible pain and in the throes of terminal illness also need a go to. SB 701 sanctions access—if the dying choose it—to release from their pain. The End of Life Option Act has appropriate safeguards and protocols. In passing this legislation, you will be showing the terminally ill of our illustrious state that you have mercy.

Thank you for your attention to this critical situation.