

SB 845/ HB 933 - Support

My name is LaTasha Ward, a resident of the 24th legislative district and a resident of the Bowie Mitchellville area. I'm 55 years of age. I'm a Christian that I trust and have a relationship with God. With science and technology, we have been able to keep people living on life support.

My late aunt was hospitalized in November 2011. She refused to take medicine and was tired of being tested and poked. She shared she was tired and unwilling to fight to live. A month later she went into a coma and was kept on life support until February 2017.

My aunt's home and automobile all deteriorated while her children and grandchildren, siblings were hoping she wanted to push to live.

Had the state of Maryland had a right to die in place, I'm sure with my aunt being in her right mind and she believed she lived a good quality of life she would have declined being left on life support for almost 6 years. My Aunt Being on life support was that quality of life for my aunt? The answer is no. The hospital benefited and got paid but a decision needed to be made and it took 6 years to pull the plug.

I believe a person should be able to make the decision if they want aides to help them live or not.

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