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Letter to the Editor

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Subject: Essay on Death With Dignity by Charles Hamlin, MD

Dear Sir,

Hard for me to disagree with the Hamlin Essay and am not affected or persuaded by those contra arguments.

I would observe this is not an academic issue for many of those of us now in our 70's or older; I think a lot about it. I am a man of deep faith and do not fear death. I do fear the process of dying. Benjamin Cardoza was right as quoted here but the question becomes what is 'of sound mind' .We know the "person" will not be of sound body! And as I consider *end of life* matters, I wonder about the sound of mind question. Have not researched that question but find this essay most timely and thought provoking.

Sincerely,

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