A MESSAGE FROM TERRI SCHIAVO'S FATHER, BOB SCHINDLER SR.

I'm sure you have heard about a young woman named Terri Schiavo who was purposely dehydrated to death last year in Florida.

That young woman was my daughter. And contrary to anything you may have heard, Terri was NOT brain dead; Terri was NOT in a coma; she was NOT in a "persistent vegetative state;" nor was she on ANY life-support system.

Terri laughed, Terri cried, she was responsive, and she made child-like attempts at speech with her mother and me. In fact, it was rarely reported that in Terri's medical files she was saying words like "Mommy" and sometimes answered "stop" and "yeah" when asked questions. When I kissed her hello or goodbye, she looked at me and "puckered up" her lips. This may not seem like much to you, but it meant everything to Terri's mother and me. It told us she was still here, she still knew us, and with therapy and time she could have had some level of recovery.

I know that there are some hard-hearted people who believe that due to my daughter's condition, she is now better off dead. Words cannot describe the pain such sentiments cause us. This was our daughter, our little girl, and even in her disabled condition, she still had the right to life and the right to be loved and cared for by her true family.

It's still hard to believe that Terri is gone -- but what was even harder were the actions of some elected officials in the Florida Senate who deliberately worked to ensure that our daughter would die. In particular was a man named Senator Jim King.
Senator King callously said, "I want her to die." Senator King made it his personal mission to make certain that Terri was starved and dehydrated to death, and successfully recruited eight other Republican senators in his mission. If we had had just 3 of their votes, Terri could still be alive.

Now, one year later, all of us have a chance to make a public statement of continued solidarity with Terri and the rest of us in her family; this is a chance to free us of one of the politicians who advocated her death. The injustice and cruelty of her death still linger with us. And so do the politicians who insisted that she be killed.

As parents, and as people who love life, we are determined to deprive the euthanasia advocates of successfully legalizing this form of homicide. We believe that their efforts to kill Terri were designed to set a precedent for the future eradication of defenseless disabled human beings. I was alive when Americans fought the Nazis; I do not want others like my daughter to meet the same fate of thousands of disabled people in Nazi Germany, and I do not want our country to go down that same dark path.

Please understand this -- the vast majority of the voters in the upcoming election were ardent supporters of our daughter, Terri Schiavo's right to life. Moreover, the vast majority of the voters in Jim King's district support the right to life of the unborn. Senator King, on the other hand, is an ardent supporter of abortion on demand as well as the chief voice for Terri's starvation.

Death by starvation is very slow, and extremely painful. As you must know, it is against the law to deliberately starve an animal to death. There are members of the Florida Senate, like Jim King, who would not treat a dog the way they treated my daughter. Jim King helped make sure that my daughter was starved and dehydrated to death. At this point, we must pull out all the stops in our fight to see Jim King finally removed from office.
Let's continue to say to the powers that be - "We will not let Terri's life and death be forgotten!"

Jim King made it his mission to stop my daughter's food and water so that Terri would die.

Let's make it our mission to retire Jim King.

Sincerely,

Bob Schindler, Sr.

(This opinion is made in my own name, not in the name or with the funds of any organization I'm affiliated)

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