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Should you need the government's permission to save your own life?

Each year thousands of Americans will hear from their doctors that there are no treatment options left. What that really means is that doctors have exhausted all of the options in the toolbox of approved medicines. Today there are 22 innovative breast cancer treatments awaiting the Food and Drug Administration's final green light – five of them already available in Europe.

In the enclosed new book, *The Right to Try: How the Federal Government Prevents Americans From Getting the Lifesaving Treatments They Need*, Darcy Olsen, the president of the Goldwater Institute exposes the federal juggernaut that is stopping millions from accessing lifesaving treatments, makes the case for expanding access to promising investigational medicines, and explains the popular "Right to Try" laws that have been adopted in 24 states.

Our goal is to bring Right to Try to all 50 states—and we'd like to work with you to make it happen. I'll be in touch in the coming weeks to get your thoughts on this important movement.

If I can answer any questions or if you'd like to talk about Right to Try, please contact me at [chandzlik@goldwaterinstitute.org](mailto:chandzlik@goldwaterinstitute.org) or (602) 633-8994.

Best,



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