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To the Parliamentary Committee

I urge the OPPOSITION to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

I speak straight from experience: I look after my elderly mother (aged 94) who cannot do very much for herself. However I never imagined how much this example has given to my son, who in his twenties has been suffering from depression and loss of hope. My son had been struggling to work when he left home at 18 years of age and after some year away has come home. He has chosen to live with his elderly grandmother and has himself grown out of his 'hopelessness' because of the example of care that I have given to his grandmother.

He had attempted suicide 3 times. He said that on the third occasion, his grandmother rang him asking him an innane question. He stopped in the very act of suicide. He told me that he was so grateful for that call. He now lives with her and looks after her whilst studying at University. He is now in his final year.

The sign of showing the care and dignity to every human being for the elderly and providing SUPPORT and increased resources for palliative care CONVEYS the dignity of each and every human person.

It gives 'hope' to the young and resounds the importance of each and every life to all.

For me: It has brought great joy to me. Yes it is trying. Yes it is hard and difficult at times. But the rewards that it provides for those who care and the subtle message it conveys in terms of our value as human beings.

I urge you therefore to OPPOSE the legalisation of Euthanasia and provide more resources to support those caring for the elderly and those in palliative care. It will yield 'spin-offs' for society and especially for those plagued with questions of the value of their lives i.e. depicted in some forms of mental illness.

Yours faithfully

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