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Dear Committee,

I am writing this submission in regards to the Inquiry into End Of Life Choices. I have always felt strongly about a human's right to choice in respect to decisions pertaining to their own quality of life. This includes their right to choose to end their life when they feel it is no longer of a quality that is acceptable to them, and that this feeling is unlikely to change.

Having the chance for assistance with this choice I realise is not simplistic and requires careful legislation to protect both those wanting assistance, their families and those providing assistance. However the process to enable this choice has been implemented successfully in other countries, as we all know.

As a palliative care nurse I find that many people are at ease with good palliative care and feel comfortable with the dying process, providing they have adequate symptom relief. There are many people also who feel they are not in control of this process and wish to have control for many varied and understandable reasons. Very occasionally, providing adequate symptomatic relief is difficult. More so, the most prominent wish to have the choice of assisted dying seems to be just that - having the choice. I truly feel that knowing there is that choice can reduce the fear not of dying but of how one may die. Dying with peace and dignity should be a choice we all have, should it not?

Kind regards, Sam.

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