

To; Inquiry into End of Life Choices, including the possibility of Voluntary Assisted Dying (also known as Voluntary Euthanasia).

From; Matthew Farrell [REDACTED]

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Dear sir/madam,

My father (Denis Farrell) died last year at age 86 of Asbestosis. He was diagnosed in April 2014 and died late August four months later.

His lung function gradually reduced to zero resulting in slow suffocation for these last months of his life.

He was well supported by my elderly mother and my siblings but he suffered dreadfully particularly over his final four weeks. He remained mentally alert well aware of his dire predicament.

In his final few days, gasping for air, he asked me to speak up whenever I can in support of voluntary medically assisted dying. At that time he said he wished he could ask a doctor to give him an injection to put him to sleep forever to alleviate his unbelievable level of suffering.

I wish we could have too without risking breaking any laws.

Please introduce legislation making my father's final wish a legally and medically safe option for everyone else.