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Dying with Dignity Parliamentary Inquiry - Submission

My hope is that in the near future, myself and all other same minded folk will have a legal right to choose the time and nature of our own death, in the advent of our lives becoming untenable due to incurable, unbearably painful illness or injury, without adversely implicating or affecting those close to us.

That in the process of evolving this legislation, there would be all the necessary and appropriate "checks and balances" to guard against foul play, that could end the lives of those who wished to live regardless of their condition.

Not all of us are that strong. Not all of us see the point of suffering needlessly, where palliative care is not effective, and dignity is lost.

I believe that true compassion is selflessly respecting the CHOICE of an individual to take control of their own life, and death, with all the dignity and respect at their disposal.

My Father was a loving, caring, proud, compassionate man.

Watching my Father deteriorate over 15 years, due to dementia, and Parkinsons' disease, was a cruel lesson in relentless mental and physical pain, of helpless, undignified dependence that I am vehemently determined won't be my lot. He did not deserve to suffer, and we were helpless to give him relief.

The irony was that during his life as a conscientious farmer, he would exercise compassionate euthanasia for terminally ailing animals, swiftly, mercifully, in an act of kindness that was denied him in his own moments of need. He did not choose to live the purgatory of his final 6 years. He believed in Euthanasia.

Most folk believe it is kind to euthanase beloved suffering pets, and it is allowed, accepted, expected.

Countless polls now show that 85% of participants believe in the kindness of Voluntary Euthanasia for humans as well.

In a recent tragic suicide, a man ill with terminal cancer, visited a gun club to shoot himself while he could still physically do so, leaving Police to inform his wife.....this outcome could have, should have been very different. Had VE been available to him, he would have lived longer, comforted in the knowledge that his chosen end would be accepted, thus his death need not have been so grisly, his wife not so devastated, witnesses not so traumatized, he could have arranged his end before the pain set in, said goodbye to his wife, and departed painlessly and fearlessly. His fear of what lay ahead, and desperation, obviously drove him to this act.

Please, begin the process to legalize Voluntary Euthanasia, to render other more grisly solutions unnecessary, to reduce pointless stress and suffering, and to allow goodbyes to be said.

My final thought; if I were dying in such pain and torment, so as to wish to suicide, I would much rather be allowed to give up my precious hospital bed to someone who was eager to recover, and live.

Yours Faithfully

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