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I strongly believe that there should be a referendum to let the people of this country to vote YES or NO and let them have their own choice in making their life decisions on ending their lives.

Hi my name is Cathy and new to the group, I am all for this to be introduced, I am 57 yrs old, have been living and suffering in chronic pain throughout my body now for 12 years from many chronic illnesses that cripple me from head to toe, I have been on so many drugs and nothing helps this bloody pain, I am now trying Ketamine IV infusions which is like going into hell and back...I have had two treatments and waiting for a third, if this does not help this time, I will be at the end of options....I can't get up in the mornings to get out of bed due to the pain and crippling, the drugs have damaged my kidneys so I now have chronic kidney disease, the list goes on. It has taken away my quality of life, I cannot work anymore, I live on the disability pension so have lost my income level and my lifestyle is completely changed. I try to stay focused but wake everyday wishing that I could put a end to the suffering.

I think euthanasia is not just for he terminally ill but for people like myself who suffer daily from chronic pain which also causes you to suffer from depression and anxiety...we should have the right to let ourselves rest in peace by our own choice and stop the pain and suffering. I have an advance care directive plan in place with my wishes to be left to be made comfortable and no more drugs or medical intervention, just to go peacefully as I have requested.

If you commit suicide, SOCIETY says you are selfish....well if they had to live in our bodies for awhile they might understand how terrible it is....euthanasia might not come in while I am here but hopefully we will all be making a push to help others in the future....thanks for reading my story

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