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Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted dying  
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Dear Members:

Years ago an old friend had come to the end of her struggle with life and said to me, "I'm ready. Just let me go." Immediately, a young grandchild in her salad days turned up and without consultation determined to keep her grandmother alive. Her father was a physician and his professional commitment proudly became hers. My friend was shipped off to another town, away from friends, to a 'home' and stored away at great expense to her family. Her dignity and control over everything in what remained of her life stripped, she lay in a crib, sedated for the next eight years. Anyone who has ever witnessed the thousands of times a year this, or something akin to it, happen to old Canadians has to admit it was the most horrible experience of their lives and would never let it happen to them.

We all have a need to define our dying wishes but can only hope they will be carried out since, as it is now, our government does not support our wishes, rather presumes to make these decisions for us, and to force us to endure as my friend did, by someone else's hand. No Canadian in their late years is free from the fear that someone or some institution will strip us, too, of our right to die when and how we choose, and I am one of those. Although my living will and my final will are safely in the hands of a professional, I will never be without that fear.

Please ensure that all Canadians are granted the freedom they deserve, to die with dignity, and on their own terms.

Respectfully,

*Janet Hudgins*

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