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**To:** Physician-Assisted Dying Committee Comité Aide médicale à mourir; Harper, Stephen - M.P.; Trudeau, Justin - Député; Barlow, John - M.P.

**Subject:** Furthering the pain and suffering of those who wish to die with dignity.

People who are in pain, being kept alive on drugs, do not need committees; the equivalent of a “parole board”. Advance consent signed by the request by a mentally competent patient, is all that should be needed. If the doctor who is involved with the patient does not wish to assist his patient, they sign transfer of care to another physician, who is compassionate, and believe in their oath, of doing no harm. We euthanize our pets, to ensure they are not in pain any longer.

Why is the government delaying and causing further pain to those who wish to die? Forcing a human being to endure pain and suffering, after telling the patient there is nothing the medical industry can do to alleviate their agony is abominable.

As the committee is meeting to obtain input, I am submitting my points.

- a) Competent citizen signs a standard “advance consent” form, like we have wills, and powers of attorney. The “advance consent” form would be witnessed by any doctor and would a “No Charge” fee document. The doctor may not believe in the “right to die with dignity”, he is just witnessing a signature and ensure competency at the time of signature.
- b) Any tax payer supported facility, must provide the facility for the patient to have their pain end in a kind and compassionate manner.
- c) The Canadian government is to ensure, all Canadian citizens have this right, no matter what their location within the country.
- d) If the medical industry has declared a patient palliative, a patient with an advance signed document does not wish to suffer any longer they should be able to have assistance of physician assisted dying.
- e) All medical parties must adhere to the document, not using their own personal bias to ignore the documented / witnessed wishes of the patient, this includes the “family doctor”.
- f) The insurance industry must pay out any and all insurance policies in the physician assisted dying. Patients should not have to continue to suffer their pain, “living” on narcotics, and anti-depressants, to ensure their loved ones receive monies which were saved and invested for their family future.

Thank you for listening to a Canadian citizen.

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