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Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 7:52 PM

To: Physician-Assisted Dying Committee Comité Aide médicale à mourir

Subject: Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

Dear Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying,

* I believe our right to life is inclusive of the freedom to choose how, when, where, and with whom we end our lives.

* That choice includes the very personal definition of “grievous” spelled out in the Canadian Supreme Court's grievous and irremediable clause. If you believe as I do that it is the individual who knows best what grievous is to them, it follows that the government should not attempt to legislate qualifying conditions.

* The same freedom to choose should apply to advance requests for physician aid in dying made in anticipation of later inability to communicate, caused by dementia or coma.

Much fine work has gone into the effort to establish medical procedures for dignity at the end of life for Canadians who wish to exercise that right. My parents would be proud of Canada, and I hope you will accept my proxy for them in saying so. My mother was born and raised in Truro, Nova Scotia and my father was raised in Fernie, B.C. They have both died. I am living in Portland, Oregon.

Thanks for your consideration, Robert Holub