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Subject: Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

Members of the Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

I would urge you to pass legislation as soon as possible to help those in need of physician- assisted death.

This legislation is so over-due, that I believe a broad consensus already exists in the country as to what needs to done:

- physician-assisted dying should be available to anyone with a very severe illness including dementia
- two physicians should be involved
- advanced wishes should be honoured in all of our hospitals and institutions of care
- physicians should be able to opt out but must find the patient a willing practitioner.

I feel a lot of the legwork has been done, by other countries, individual provinces and organizations like Dying With Dignity.

Anyone who has watched a loved-one agonize through a long drawn-out and painful death, and that must be most of us now, will urge the committee to deal with this matter of mercy with considerable urgency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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