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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** Dying with dignity

Hello,

I am 82 years old, two years ago I had to have a triple Bi Pass operation because of blockages which probably saved my life but many of my ancestors died of cancer when they were much younger than I am now. But if I get a TERMINAL disease I do not intend to fight it but I am NOT suicidal. I would just cease taking all medications. My father got the awful disease when he was 77 & he never got over the operation & had enormous pain & suffering before he died even though he had palliative care.

I realize euthanasia is not everyone's cup of tea but when there is no hope of a recovery people should have the option of dying with dignity. I believe it should be an option, not a compulsion.

I remember when I went to see my Dad in hospital here was this little man all drugged up with all those tubes coming out of him & it was all I could do to stop myself pulling the tubes out & letting him go. The last words he said to me were "I wish it would end" A couple of days later he said to my sister "Jean, I have had enough".

It is horrible to see a loved one suffer like that.

Sincerely,

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