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**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** Dying with Dignity

Good morning

I have corresponded with my local State MP asking him to support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill and I am shocked that he has said that despite knowing that the vast majority of his constituents are strongly in favour of the bill, he will vote against it. I do not believe he should have that right. He was elected to REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF HIS CONSTITUENTS. Whatever his personal views, he vote as THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, not as an individual.

I want these laws passed. They are far from perfect, and they could be greatly improved, but they represent a huge and long overdue step forward toward allowing people the freedom to die with dignity.

I have lost two loved ones in horrid, slow, painful deaths that left major emotional scars on those who cared for them. There is NO relief available from the hideous emotional pain and suffering of those whose useful life has ended and of those who love them. Palliative care may, sometimes, ease the physical pains. It does NOT help the emotional pain. Those who wish to end their physical existence, because their life is no longer worth living, should never be subjected to the torture of living like a vegetable. And their loved ones should not have to watch them fade away slowly. The existing laws are hideously cruel and inhuman. We treat animals mercifully. Why not humans?

PLEASE PASS THIS LEGISLATION.

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