

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I would like all chronic progressive diseases to be included in the eligibility criteria.

I have Alpha 1 Antitrypsin deficiency and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, currently 28% lung function.

I would like the right to make my own decision as to when enough is enough for me.

My older brother had Alpha 1 & COPD and my younger brother has just been diagnosed.

I watched my brother struggle for 8 years with 14% lung function , then die of the same disease that I currently have.

His quality of life, his inability to breathe & walk,eat & talk reduced him to a level of despair that broke my heart.

I DO NOT want my children to have the same memories I now have, of my proud independant brother reduced to a shell of a man.

The depression from the disease makes living everyday a struggle, the roller coaster of emotions is beyond cruel.

PLEASE, allow me the right to die with dignity, with grace and without being a burden to those I love.