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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 June 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** My dad died of MND, would ask you read this please.

Re: My dad died of MND, would ask you read this please.

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

He was facing life in a vegetative state with a healthy mind, and he didn't agree with assisted suicide, and either do I. There shouldn't be a cost too great to look after sick people. Killing them early doesn't fix any problems. If my dad had elected to kill himself, the echo of that decision in our family and our lives would have been beyond unfathomable.

He died, (we knew he would) but without a quick exit or the external harm to us. He did a lot of great while he was sick, he raised awareness and did talks to try and cure the disease. The act of speeding that process up is just not something we should be invested in as a society.

Caring is hard, spending money on someone else like palliative care is hard. But either life matters or it doesn't. If it does, we shouldn't be enabling a quicker death and erasing what could be a lasting legacy and something of eternal value in a family, and in a society.

Sincerely,  
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