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I would urge all involved in this process to support the right of the individual to decide how their life should end.

You do not have to believe in VAD, just in the right of the individual.

If you do not believe in this option, that is your right, just get out of the way of those who wish to access such an option.

I speak from terrible experience. My wife, Carol, died on 29 Nov 2020 after a 13 month losing battle with MND (Bulbar Palsy onset).

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All she wanted was to die with comfort, dignity and in a supportive environment.

This was denied her [REDACTED]

In the end we had to watch her decline into a terrible death – it broke both our hearts.

On 7 Nov 2020 we were advised that our only child, our daughter, had been diagnosed with MND. You cannot begin to imagine the effect this had on Carol and I.

I now get to watch my daughter go down an all too familiar road, in the full knowledge that she wants to end her suffering on her terms, not the terms of the disease.

No one should have to die in these circumstances **if they do not wish to!**

**Support this legislation.**

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