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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 June 2021 3:57 PM  
**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to lend my support behind the Qld VAD Bill 2021 and to give you my reasons behind that support.

Like a lot of Queenslanders, I have stage 4 cancer (colon with liver mets), no cure and terminal. I am however one of the lucky ones, my children are grown, they understand pain and death but it will still be difficult for them to see me at end stage. For my husband, my children and my friends to watch as I slowly die in pain, unable to do the most basic of things us human beings take for granted is extremely upsetting. I will starve to death, I've been told this is how I'll die as I'll be unable to eat. To not be given a choice about leaving this earth, leaving my family and my friends, knowing that their last memories of me will be traumatic, this shouldn't be how it is. Sadly I watched my step dad pass from cancer in 2013, he was scared, in pain, disoriented even though he was in a Palliative Care ward, they did everything they possibly could for him. I do not want that to be the last memory for my family or friends.

I honestly do not understand why anyone would vote against this bill.

The VAD Bill states this is a voluntary decision which can be revoked at any time, no one will be forced to make this decision. If someone doesn't want to use this law, then they don't have to, but why prohibit others who really need this.

The sad part of this is that none of us wanted a terminal painful illness, we didn't get a choice. Being given a choice as to when we get to end this nightmare we live, when things just get far too painful, it will give back some control.

I thank you for your time & hope you consider my words

Kindest regards  
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