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Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 4:59 PM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: VAD Bill

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would urge you to pass this bill with urgency. This is my experience with palliative care when my sister was terminally ill:

My sister, Mary, was diagnosed with kidney cancer that had spread to her lungs. It was particularly aggressive. Mary, a nurse, knew to some extent what was to come and was relieved when she was accepted as a patient by one of the leading hospices in the UK, [REDACTED]. Experts in palliative care. She did not know the full course of treatments fortunately, had she done so, she would have been terrified. When treatment for pain was no longer effective, she was put into a twilight sleep end of life nightmare. She could see, hear but could not move nor could she speak. She continued in this horrifically cruel state for over a week until she died. I wake up many nights in a cold sweat with night terrors at the appalling cruelty of it.

Please show compassion and pass this Bill.

Thank you and kind regards,

Barbara Armitage
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