

Health and Environment Committee

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After watch my wife and best friend for 30 years die from cancer I must support the VAD legislation. Despite the medical and nursing staff doing everything possible for her she died an emaciated shell of her former self.

She did not die comfortably, Helen died from dehydration and starvation.

The only way I can describe her condition is that of a holocaust victim.

In the final weeks of her life she begged me to make the pain stop, this from one of the strongest women I've ever known.

The manner of her death has only reinforced our long held views that we should have the right to choose our time of passing.

Especially in the case of terminal illness when the person chooses to do so.

I cannot say if Helen would have chosen to this but having the legal right to do so may have given her a dignified passing at her choice.

Not what actually happened.

The right to choose should be enshrined in legislation, regardless of colour ,creed or beliefs.

No individual,government or organisation should be able to deny any human the right to choose their time and method of their death.

I would not wish Helen's suffering on my worst enemy or have their loved ones witness it either.

Regards Terence Gladman