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Subject: FW: End of Life Choices Submissions

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Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA

Chair of Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

Dear Ms Sanderson,

I am writing in support of any laws that will allow voluntary euthanasia or assisted dying in WA. I have personal experience of when my mother died in a state of intense and unwanted suffering.

Reliable, legal and peaceful methods to end one's life are not readily available to the older generation in Australia, who may want to avoid a continuing decline in health and dignity. A doctor's assistance would help ensure a peaceful death.

Ultimately, I want to have the right to determine how and when my life is to end, if I were terminally ill, suffering unbearably without the prospect of improvement, or if I had to depend on others for even the most basic care. Suitable palliative care should be available to all who want it. However, I should also be able to get medical help for a peaceful death, as long as I am competent and have been informed of alternatives. A good death should be at a place of my choice, peacefully, and with family or friends around.

Thank you for considering my submission. I am available for a personal appearance before your Committee.

I am sending a hard copy of this letter by post to you.

Yours sincerely,

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