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Subject: FW: Euthanasia VOTE

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To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices <eolcc@parliament.wa.gov.au>

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Hello, I am writing to express my request that WA consider allowing Euthanasia to be legal.

I personally have lost both of my parents to illness that made them feel less of a person. Both being in debilitating situations in pain & just 'waiting until the end'. It was horrific to witness, especially as a young person. My mum passed when her body shutdown from Hep B&C that she caught from a blood transfusion (she was 64) & my dad of his body shutting down with dementia at age 83.

We have the decision to assist our beloved pets when their time is at an end. But we make our fellow humans 'suffer' both physically & in dignity, until it naturally happens. I feel this is a disgusting choice that takes no thought for the person involved. My mum waited many, many years for the end to come because no one could medically help her except to stick more needles into her to help ease her pain (which didn't work for long enough). This was absolutely heartbreaking to see especially as I myself was only 21 at the time of her death. For years she told me that she wanted it all to end because she couldn't take the pain anymore. She always put on a brave face but so often I would find her in tears & crumbling inside. She was in my arms when she took her last breath & seeing the pain instantly leave her body as she relaxed was such a blessing. I knew she finally received her very wish and was finally out of pain after all those years.

My poor father loss the use of his bodily functions and wore a nappy & had to be spoon fed for the last few years of his life. How can this possibly be quality of life?????

Please please allow Euthanasia in WA for those that want to make that choice. For it is THEIR choice, not someone else's

Thank you taking the time to read this.

Kind regards
Heidi Rebecca