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Legislative Assembly of WA

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Re: Legalizing Euthanasia

Dear Sir

Since the age of 11 until I was in my mid 50's I suffered from Migraines & as I got older they got worse. As an adult I would lie in bed, my head an agony & throwing up every few hours, wondering that if a complaint that was not lethal could cause such suffering what would actual dying be like? Of course, I could have an easy death or be killed instantly in an accident but there are no guarantees in life. So, if I ever came down with a cancer or anything that would not allow me to enjoy life I would hope that the Government would allow me to end my life by the pleasantest means possible. How my heart rejoiced when the NT granted this boon & how depressed I was when the law was overturned!

Also it made me furious when Abortion became legal. A developing human is at the beginning of their life & in the normal scheme of things will only grow bigger & stronger & more capable as they become human. I'm sure that every fetus wants nothing else then to live & grow. Yet, because some mothers don't want this to happen the mothers are allowed to destroy this potential person & the potential person has NO say in the matter. Other people decide whether he or she will live or die & **this** is now legal.

On the other hand real, mature people who want to die peacefully & at the time of their choosing, perhaps surrounded by the people they love, are denied this by the Government & I think this stinks & is also terribly unfair & stupid! Why is the Government prosecuting & harassing people who are at the end of their lives, find these ½ lives unbearable, & want a quick, dignified & calm end & try to get it by fair means or foul. I believe the Government should do away with all laws against seeking help to die peacefully & allow all Doctors & veterinarians, who are willing to euthanize people rather than let them suffer, to do so without fear of prosecution. Perhaps the Government itself should help these people, whose lives have become unbearable & want it ended, by allowing euthanasia clinics (like abortion clinics only at the other end of life), to be established. Places where people can go & get the end they want without any danger of their making their situation worse. For example, desperate types who burn out their stomachs by swallowing caustic liquids or break bones by jumping off high buildings or trying to hang themselves. Anyone should be able to sympathize with people who want to die, but find themselves still alive, after an

attempted suicide, with all their original problems bearing down on them along with these new injuries.

To sum up I think a Government that allows feckless, stupid potential parents (since birth control is so easy these days there is no excuse for **any** female to need an abortion in this country except in cases of rape), to destroy potential children for no other reason than they are inconvenient & yet will make it illegal for real people, who have a mind & have had a life & can decide they have had enough of it, to get an assisted, painless death. All the government needs to do is to refuse to euthanasia anyone until that individual is certain they **really** want to die. The younger they are the longer they have to wait. People over 70 should be given 6 months to think about it & then, if they come back, asking for a peaceful death, they should be given it. People younger than this should be made to wait longer than this so that they can seek medical & mental assistance. People in their teens & twenties should be allowed to ask for euthanasia every 6 months but should be refused until 2 years have past. If, after this amount of time, they still want to die they should be peacefully euthanized.

We are not an endangered species & ,on the contrary, there are so many of us we are destroying our planet & all the other creatures on it. So if our society & government are happy to allow potential parents to euthanize potential children in the womb It is outrageous that real people who have a mind to decide they have had enough of life, cannot get legal, assisted euthanasia.

Sincerely yours,

PS: If a young person, suffering from a painful disease, has requested assisted euthanasia, they can be given palliative care while waiting for the deciding period to be over. If <sup>the</sup> palliative care can make them comfortable perhaps they will decide to let <sup>their</sup> complaint kill them.