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**To:** Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices.

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. My name Roelof van Duyn, I have an aging father who suffers from dementia which has progressed to the point that he is no longer able to recognise the people around him, although I do feel that he does recognise the voices of loved ones as being familiar. I am opposed to euthanasia as I do not think it is necessary when there is good palliative care and pain management. More resources could be made to give good palitive care, rather than to end a life because people do not feel it is available. Legalising euthanasia will start out to be legal for the terminal ill, but as the years go by, the push will be to expand that to a point where it will be available for a much broader range of reasons. I would encourage you as committee do everything in your power to support palliative care so that people do not feel the need to end their life.

Yours sincerely,  
Roelof van Duyn