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I hereby request all members of Parliament to consider my submission for support of this very important

and necessary legislation on this issue.

My Name is Bill Spanbroek and wish to share my experiences with people at their end of life.

My Son was diagnosed with Juvenile Huntingtons at the age of 19 Years old.

This very aggressive TERMINAL disease has no cure and reaching the age of 25 Years

was the prognosis. Micheal served in the Royal Australian Navy and was discharged due

to this medical condition. My wife, Karen, and I decided to care for him for the remaining years.

With the assistance of Disability Services we were able to care for Micheal 24/7.

Micheal was fed intravenously as he was unable to digest solid food.

As he courageously battled on and due to his regular falls he suffered a brain haemorrhage and was Hospitalised.

We witness him deteriorate for FIVE weeks weighing less than 30 kilos and in constant grueling pain.

Micheal often discussed the alternatives for ending his life as he did not want to survive with this constant suffering.

For each day Micheal was in Hospital we realised it could be his last day on Earth.

My Wife and I also cared for Micheal's grandfather in a Nursing Home as he had 17 strokes and his body was completely shut down.

During this time in the Nursing Home we watched so many patients with no Quality of Life, and having discussions with them they expressed their freedom to end their life with dignity and compassion.

I urge all MEMBERS of PARLIAMENT to consider support this very important legislation.

For the matter of Humanity and Compassion we must come to a positive support and the PASSING of this BILL.

Bless you all.

Bill Spanbroek

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