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Attention: Principal Research Officer  
Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices  
Legislative Assembly  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA

Chair of Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choice

10/10/2017

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 how a **family member** died in a state of intense and unwanted suffering. It was horrific and the suffering was completely futile.

Reliable, legal and peaceful methods to end one's life are not readily available to the older generation who may want to avoid a continuing decline in health and dignity.

It then becomes a matter of luck whether someone succeeds or ends up the worse for trying. It must be an individual's personal choice to escape a painful and unbearable life without any perceived 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'm not] available for a personal appearance before your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Brigitte Klebba,

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