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Robin Chapple,

Congratulations for your work on the End of Life Committee.

I wish to support any attempt to change legislation to allow people to choose when they want to leave this life.

At the age of 95 my grandfather, recovering very slowly from a broken hip in a nursing home, told me it was time for him to go because he was no longer any use to anyone. It was his choice, he simply refused food or water and passed away peacefully in three days' time, without medication or medical support. He was an Anglican bishop and did believe in the sanctity of life, but also believed that death was a natural way of ending life.

My mother died of breast cancer in a slow and painful death, propped up with morphine, and I would have liked her to be able to go more easily without the horrific pain she suffered towards the end.

For myself, I want to live as long as possible, but if I am suffering a terminal illness, or become mentally incapacitated, I have made my desire not to be resuscitated known to my children. Life is there to be cherished and enjoyed, not endured. I support the right to end one's life with medical support and permission.

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