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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.

Thank you for the opportunity to present a submission.

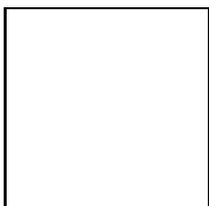
My name is Adrian Hordyk and my wife is Anna Hordyk. We are both in our 60s. We have personally experienced the death of loved ones, some through old age and others through cancer. It is always a tragic event. However, it was also comforting and encouraging to witness a desire to live until natural causes of death brought the matter to an end. We believe man should not interfere with this process because the start and end of life are beyond our control. They are controlled by a higher being, namely God. To end a life in any other way is murder.

Modern medicine has many good palliative care practices to minimise discomfort and the suffering of those dying so they can die with dignity. These practices are available to everyone.

If euthanasia is legalised we will see an increase of clinically induced death and an abuse of people rights to live, as we have seen in many European countries where doctors and families just get rid of sick or old people because they are too difficult to care for. A purely selfish attitude. The statistics of abuse are horrendous. 5 minutes surfing the net will confirm that. It would be a sad indictment on this state should that happen here and those who enact such legislation would have to live with the fact that they have assisted in murder.

Please do everything in your power to support palliative care so that people do not feel the need to end their life.

Yours sincerely,
Adrian Hordyk



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