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To: Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices <eolcc@parliament.wa.gov.au>

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you don't recommend end of life legislation that will allow voluntary euthanasia.

To allow the killing of anybody because of so called mercy killing would open the door to abuses that are well documented in nations that have allowed this to occur. Where voluntary euthanasia has crept over to, in some cases, involuntary euthanasia. In these days of very advanced palliative care measures available to alleviate pain and suffering the need for euthanasia isn't there.

I would also like to point out that the reason that mercy killing is seen as mercy is because of a religious beliefs; these being either Universalism, the belief that every one goes to a better place, or Annihilationism, the belief that the end of life means the end of a persons existence. Both of these beliefs have no empirical data to legitimise them. It will do our community no good where religious beliefs will allow state sanctioned killing. We should always err on the side of preserving life.

Yours faithfully,

Simon and Sue Stewart,