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Committee Secretary  
Dr Margot Kerley  
Standing Committee on Ageing  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Dr Kerley,

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of adequate palliative care available for the elderly. I am concerned that the elderly are being encouraged to sign refusal of treatment certificates as a means of dying earlier. This should never happen.

Euthanasia is illegal and I would like to stress that I think it should never be legalised, as this leaves one of the most vulnerable groups in our community open to terrible pressure and danger.

I would like to see much better nursing homes and aged care available, and ready access to counselling and palliative care when needed.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Kearney.