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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
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Submission:

I would like to have the option of a medically assisted dignified death when my time comes.

I don't feel I should have to 'earn' my death by any period of significant disability or pain and with my family should be able to choose the time of my death.

I have colon cancer with a poor prognosis but am currently quite well and undergoing chemotherapy.

I do not want my children to see me go through a period of severe pain, disfigurement or severe disability and with the family will be able to make the decision when living on is pointless and painful.

I have another insight into this issue as a medical practitioner in a large public hospital.

Thank you

Dr John Andersen

