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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

It gives me hope to know there are people prepared to stand up and fight for an individual's rights to voluntary euthanasia. I write this email in support of Bob Brown's *Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008*.

I was overjoyed when the Northern Territory adopted legislation in 1996 to legalise voluntary euthanasia and finally recognise that terminally ill people deserve the right to choose to end their life in a dignified manner. It was devastating for me and my fellow Australians however when Canberra removed that right by passing the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*.

As a trained nurse, I saw untold suffering among elderly and terminally ill patients. It was not uncommon for such patients to plead with doctors and nursing staff for permanent relief of their suffering. In many cases, this constant pain and suffering could have been alleviated so simply if people were given the right to chose voluntary euthanasia.

I beg you to give your consideration and support to Senator Brown's Bill and give terminally ill people the right to end their suffering if they so chose that path.

Kind regards
Yvonne Page

(Email sent by Gina Anderson on behalf her grandmother Yvonne Page due to limited email access)