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Senate Committee Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Dept of Senate, Parliament House PO BOX 6100 Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senators,

I understand that Bob Brown's bill to reinstate ROTI (Right of the Terminally Ill) in the Northern Territories is under discussion.

As an 84 year old, who has lived a very active life, I wish to add my full approval and hope that Bob Brown's bill will be passed by you to the newly elected Senate as soon as possible.

Who is objecting to this bill? Ironically members of the same church that ran the Inquisition! For over 400 years, this church gave itself the right to burn "heretics" alive. They inflicted that dreadful death on totally innocent people, thousands of them, because they had different theological ideas. Now they will not let terminally ill people die in peace! Perhaps these hypocrites have really not changed at all!

We urgently need intelligent and humane understanding. Modern medicine with all its advantages needs sensible limits, so incurable people can find a quick and peaceful end.

Yours sincerely,

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