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Mr P. HALLAHAN,

COMMITTEE SECRETARY,

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE,

Dear Peter,

I am writing in support of the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008.

With the experience of one who has

(a) witnessed a mother suffering from a rare medical condition which fortunately did not lead to a long-term period of suffering and

(b) supported a wife who

trained in General Nursing practise in the Public Hospital system before transferring to working in the community as

(i) a District Nurse and (ii) as a Director of Nursing in the Aged Care (Nursing Home) sector.

Over many years the above have reinforced the various aspects of Aging. The quality and dignity of one's daily life must be the top priority no matter where it is undertaken. This would be assisted by a document with legal standing which clearly outlines the Rights of the Terminally Ill.

Yours sincerely,

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