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From: Marie Higgs
To: [LA Committee - EOLC](#)
Subject: Assisted dying
Date: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 9:47:08 AM

Dear committee,

My husband of 58 years passed away on the 9th January this year. I am still traumatised by the fact that this wonderful, gentle soul who was fighting three different cancers had to endure a horrifically painful death. I am writing to beg you to legalise assisted dying as soon as possible for the many people who are now gravely ill and those in the future. My husband actually said those dreaded words "I want to die" and still suffered for ten days thereafter. In the hospital, they no longer fed him intravenously, to me that was starving him to death on top of all the pain he had to endure. Please, I beg you to consider being more humane and let the hopeless cases be assisted in dying peacefully.

Thank you

Mrs Maria Higgs

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From: Marie Higgs
To: [LA Committee - EOLC](#)
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 11:38:44 AM

Dear Committee,

I just feel compelled to beg you to just put yourselves in the shoes of people who have been totally traumatised by the death of a loved one. This is my second request as I feel so strongly about assisted dying after what my husband went through with the three cancers he had ravaging his body. This man was 6 feet tall and we estimate that at the time of his death, he could not have weighed more than 50 kgs. He could have been spared all the suffering of his last two weeks alive. Please consider your decision with the utmost concern, just think it could happen to one you love dearly.

I thank you in the hopes you will consider this favourably.

Marie Higgs

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