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### End of Life Choices in the ACT

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To the honorable members of the ACT Legislative Assembly,

I am Mr. Luis T Cruz, a resident of [REDACTED] Yarralumla, ACT 2600, Canberra. Together with my wife, Minda Calaguian-Cruz, are registering our opposition to the proposed ACT legislation on euthanasia and end-of-life choices. We have experienced directly how the palliative care services of Clare Holland House were delivered professionally and efficiently when our daughter, [REDACTED] became its patient from September 2017 until her death on 15 December 2017 due to colorectal cancer. Our daughter is a permanent resident in Australia by virtue of marriage.

Our daughter received excellent home-based palliative care during the first three months. She was supplied with complete medical equipment, from hospital bed to wheelchair, toilet seat, reclining chair and ramp. Nurses, pastoral care workers, physiotherapists and social workers visited her regularly. Night-duty nurses were quick to respond to our calls whenever our daughter would experience pain breakthroughs. We moved to Clare Holland House during the second week of November until her death for better administration of her pain medication, Dr. [REDACTED] and his team of competent doctors and medical workers visited her regularly. The hospice has excellent facilities and service. The room assigned to our daughter was spacious, enough to accommodate all of us caring for her. . Those were most precious moments spent with her. It allowed us to be with her till the end of her difficult journey .

The loss of our daughter deeply pained us, and we are still grieving her death. We are however , comforted by the fact that she received the best medical attention from Clare Holland House, thus allowing her to pass on with dignity in a peaceful environment.

As practicing Catholics, we fully support the vision of the magisterium of the church, which has always confirmed that human life must be respected and protected in absolute terms, from the moment of conception until its natural end.

LUIS AND MINDA CRUZ

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