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Submission Cover Sheet

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Dear Sir

I am a Christian but contrary to some I am much in favour of Voluntary Euthanasia.

My reasons

- I believe everyone should be allowed to die with dignity.
- This is very often denied people who have a diagnosed terminal illness.
- Palliative care is presently available but in most cases there is no element of dignity.
- True the patient is aided to be made pain free but what dignity is there lying in a bed, emancipated, unable to carry their own weight to stand or walk, sometimes having difficulty breathing or eating, in fact maybe being fed through a tube in their stomach, unable to control one’s bladder or bowel and having to wear napkins.
- Where is dignity in these circumstances.
- I have had the experience of being in contact with patients in these conditions and them wanting to have their life ended.

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