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I am writing this letter both as a widow who sadly saw how my beloved husband had to endure such a painful lingering death until he finally succumbed to terminal pancreatic cancer and as a person in advanced old age . I can therefore safely say I am in a better position than most Territorians to know

why it is most essential for the NT to have its own VAD law asap which needs to be sensible , compassionate and pro choice like the ones passed by progressive thinking government leaders in the more advanced countries of Europe such as Switzerland, The Netherlands and Belgium . I and all the senior Territorians I know who have chosen to stay here rather than to move south at retirement are praying and hoping it would be the best VAD legislation , better than all the rest in Australia . One of the most dreaded things in the world is to get to that advanced age when we become totally dependent on others for all our needs and dignity goes out the window when we are not even able to take care of our own personal hygiene and life can be such an unbearable pain and misery. If only our lawmakers mindful of this could have the wisdom and foresight to pass VAD legislation that could spare the elderly , such needless suffering by giving them this basic human right to choose medical assisted dying to end their lives so that they can be at peace with no more pain and suffering . If not, too late when they themselves get to

this advanced stage in life desperate for their forever rest only to find there's no escape from their unbearable misery of a hell on earth . Sadly , they will regret that they could have done something about the law when they had the chance but failed to do so because they allowed the beliefs of the backward thinking conservatives and religious bigots in the name of "sanctity of life" to come first before the interests of elderly people . Please don't let the elderly in NT down by passing this same VAD law now current in all other jurisdictions in Australia that is totally useless to them unless they are terminally ill although they are undergoing unbearable pain and suffering all the same .

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