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REQUÊTE**DEATH WITH DIGNITY****TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**

THE HUMBLE PETITION of the undersigned Members of the States of Deliberation

SHEWETH THAT:—

1. In the opinion of your Petitioners, many people in Guernsey wish to see some change in the law to allow patients the right to choose to die to be part of their medical treatment.
2. In order to facilitate proper consideration of the medical, ethical, social and legal issues involved in such a change, your Petitioners accept that it will be necessary for wide-ranging investigations to be undertaken, together with consultations with interested and knowledgeable persons in Guernsey and elsewhere.
3. The Social Policy Working Group, which comprises Chief Officers from those States Committees with social policy responsibilities, has agreed that those members whose Committees are involved in this issue would undertake research in developing a policy letter on voluntary euthanasia if the States Advisory and Finance Committee so wished.
4. The States Advisory and Finance Committee has informed your Petitioners that if would require a decision of the States of Deliberation before taking this matter forward.


THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED

YOUR PETITIONERS humbly pray that the States may be pleased to resolve as follows:—

To instruct the States Advisory and Finance Committee to carry out appropriate investigations and consultations with whomever it deems fit; and thereafter, but at the earliest opportunity, to bring a report to the States of Deliberation, on the implications of allowing Doctor Assisted Death or some other similar Death with Dignity Legislation to be implemented within Guernsey, and containing that Committee's recommendation in connection with this matter.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY

GUERNSEY, this 28th day of June, 2002



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Brian Sheriff



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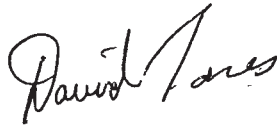
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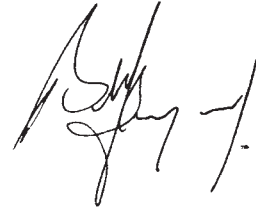
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