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**Family Life International is appalled that no one appears to be willing to intervene and save the life of Margaret Page**

Family Life International is appalled at the apparent lack of action being taken to save the life of Margaret Page, who is currently trying to starve herself to death in a Wellington care home.

“Based on comments attributed to Margaret Page in a news story which appeared online today, it appears that she may be suffering from depression” says Family Life International media spokesperson Brendan Malone.

“The article states that Margaret Page had been thinking about trying to kill herself for a long time; if this is true, then it casts serious doubt on the suggestions that she is making a sound and rational judgment about this matter” says Brendan Malone.

“We know from reliable research that, in the majority of cases, once the psychological needs of a patient are attended to, the desire to take their own life vanishes.”

“We have also heard commentary today suggesting that food and water are medical treatments, which is very concerning, because, in actual fact, food and water are not medicines, but basic necessities for life, and as such they should be provided to a patient” says Brendan Malone.

Family Life International is also concerned about the fact that pro-euthanasia groups have attached themselves to this case, and are displaying an apparent willingness to stand by and watch Margaret Page die a horrible death, rather than encouraging or supporting any action to save her from such a fate.

“How long will it take for someone to wake up and realize that we are talking here about the life of a human being, and that this continued inaction is highly likely to result in a rather horrible death for her?” says Brendan Malone.

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