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Sent: Tuesday, 15 June 2021 4:45 PM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Defend health care providers!

Re: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Defend health care providers!

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

The proposed legislation parallels what happened in Hitler's Germany. Whilst it may take longer to reach the extremes of the third Reich, we will eventually reach that point because this is the inevitable end of such legislation.

We begin when care and compassion for the individual (created in the image and likeness of God) is replaced by the individual having complete autonomy over all areas of his or her life. Having such autonomy, that person can now cross any and every moral boundary. In effect the individual has become their own God. This is step 1 so that the idea of the killing of another human being for no apparent reason is normalized within society.

Eventually we reach step 2 where a stronger person will make a decision about the life of a weaker person. This is not fiction or scare mongering but is what is actually occurring in countries that have been practicing euthanasia for some years. If the members of this committee are unaware of these things then they need to acquaint themselves with what is happening in countries like Holland, Belgium or Canada to name a few. We are forgetting the mistakes of the past. By enacting this legislation we simply yet tragically repeat the mistakes of the past.

Jesus the Christ taught "love of neighbour" by offering care and compassion to those who suffer. By doing so we bring dignity to the one who suffers as well as the one who cares for the suffering. Now more than ever let us follow in his footsteps and totally reject this legislation and instead focus our efforts on effective palliative care.

Sincerely,
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