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Sent: Wednesday, 16 June 2021 10:46 AM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Submission to the Health Committee

Re: Submission to the Health Committee

Dear Health Committee Members,

Write your email here. I am writing to outline my concerns regarding the proposed VAD bill. When a Dr gives an estimated time of death to a terminally ill person it sometimes happens that their life span is extended greatly from the estimated time. Under the proposed bill a person might decide to terminate his or her life on the basis of the estimation eg 6 months when that person might have 2 more years with their family. That is because doctors do not always know how long a person has to live. My other concern is that older people may be encouraged to die earlier than they need to because it is convenient for the families to have it over and done with. Lastly as a retired Clinical Nurse who has worked with the dying in a Palliative care setting I know that people already have the benefit of a painless death as they are given pain relief which often depresses their breathing so that their time of death is hastened. More money and more resources for this wonderful Palliative care should be the priority instead of allowing people an avenue of assisted suicide. Doctors have the responsibility to sustain life - not sanction deliberate taking of a life.

Sincerely,
Lyn Groth

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