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To: Health and Environment Committee
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Re: Submission to the Health Committee

Dear Health Committee Members,

The proposed laws are too open to abuse. They do not show an appropriate value for life. E.g. There are no requirements on doctors approving to have experience in palliative care. Institutions opposed philosophically or for religious reasons would not be able exercise their conscience and say no. There is no requirement to be seen by a specialist in the area of the patient's suffering. There is no requirement for those requesting assisted suicide to be assessed by a mental health professional. Counselling someone to think through issues historically has been a medically appropriate strategy but this law proposal means that such counselling would be illegal. Listen please to the AMA and Catholic Health Assn

Sincerely,
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