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**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 June 2021 9:50 PM  
**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

I am appalled, although not surprised, that this bill has been put forward under this government. The apparent value held for life is less than lacluster.

I am totally opposed to this assisted suicide bill that is proposed. The pretence that euthenasia or "assisted suicide" is health care is downright illogical, immoral & hypocritical.

The name of the type of care itself would indicate one would have a restoration of health as the goal. It's not called death care last I checked, and those who do have occupations of this nature found themselves incarcerated for the act.

How can medical professionals swear on oath "to do no harm" if this bill passes? This would be a complete erosion of the inherent trust between a patient and doctor. Not to mention the massive and terrible implications it would inevitably lead to for misuse. The intention, and application of the law are two very different things. Just look at the other countries who have gone ahead with this atrocity and the implications it has had on vulnerable members of society.

Honestly, has Darwinism penetrated the psyche of this leadership to the extend you would treat the suffering such as a lame horse? Those who are unwell are not animals in need of termination or extermination.

I have been by the side of several friends and family who have been terminally ill or experienced end of life care. From my experience, their "care" was less than adequate at most times showing not only that this area of health care is completely underfunded, understaffed and generally in want. If this is the state of play you are introducing this bill into, it can only be firstly a misplaced use of funding to an area in desperate need, but I suppose secondly it would be the literal silver bullet to solve that problem.

What message does this send to those most vulnerable in society? On one hand you fund suicide hotlines providing hope, yet on the other you schedule the injection claiming it also as support. This is a terribly conflicting message for those facing decisions and thoughts of such nature.

This bill in no way has my support and I ask that the members of this parliment consider the wider implications, and not support it either.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Berardi

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