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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 June 2021 9:29 AM  
**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 writing to you because I believe that the value we place on human life, defines the very structure of our society. We can surely not ignore the effect that assisted dying has had on people in countries around the world - I include this reference for you: In Belgium and the Netherlands, medical assistance in dying has been provided to people with chronic schizophrenia, posttraumatic stress disorder, severe eating disorders, autism, personality disorders and even prolonged grief (Kim, S., & Lemmens, T. (2016). Should assisted dying for psychiatric disorders be legalized in Canada?. CMAJ : Canadian Medical Association journal = journal de l'Association medicale canadienne, 188(14), E337–E339. doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.160365).

In addition we need to consider the practitioners who value human life and believe that "voluntary assisted dying" is no that but the taking of a human life or more bluntly murder.

Please can I ask you to stand up and vote to put a value on human life, even those sick and struggling, to protect life and support a society which holds those values, for both medical practitioners and citizens. This is such an important issue as the consequences are far reaching and significant for each and every person.

Yours sincerely  
Julie Gordon

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