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Sent: Thursday, 17 June 2021 12:37 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 have grave concerns about the proposed bill, particularly for the health professionals and hospitals who will be required to act against their personal code of ethics and conscience. The Hippocratic oath states "First do no harm". This flies in the face of the oath that medical practitioners take as part of their commitment to maintain human dignity and provide healthcare. Rather, palliative care should be considered the highest priority, and funded accordingly.

Secondly, in countries overseas that have adopted euthanasia, there has been a slippery slope where it has been progressively applied to younger and younger people, people without consent, the mentally ill, and the disabled. This adoption of eugenics is appalling and unconscionable. The vulnerable in our society need to be protected, not murdered "legally".

I will not vote in future for any politician or government who supports this bill, and I will actively advise those I know about this.

Sincerely,
Natalie McClatchey

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