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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 29 June 2021 8:32 AM  
**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** I a concerned about aspects of the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Re: I a concerned about aspects of the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

Compulsion upon any doctor or health professional, in contradiction of their beliefs, is concerning. The overall philosophy in this bill is choice. Yet doctors who do not believe in VAD as a principle will have no choice but to refer persons to doctors who will assist those persons to die. Individuals who want assistance with VAD ideally can approach or listen to the doctors and people who will support them.

My fear is that an individual who is denied assistance or referral to a VAD-assisting doctor will bring a suit or action against the doctor who would not grant their wish or referral. In all dimensions of this bill, there must necessarily be no hint of coercion.

Sincerely,  
Rod Campbell