

Health and Environment Committee

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

When people are compelled by law to violate their deepest held beliefs, exemplified in this bill by forced referrals, we are no longer a free people. The beliefs, of those who draft and pass these laws of compulsion, are the only beliefs allowed.

And you're ok with this?

We legally kill the young, in the name of health choice, and the old in the name of compassion. It is far from compassionate for the sick and elderly to believe themselves a burden. To think this decision is a free adult choice demonstrates ignorance of human psychology; to think this a way to manage pain demonstrates ignorance of palliative care; to think that safeguards against expansion or abuse will be effective demonstrates utter ignorance of international examples or extreme hubris.

Of course, it's a great way to cut the healthcare budget.

Sincerely,
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