

Health and Environment Committee

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

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"Voluntary assisted dying" is just another phrase for "suicide". Human life is precious and no one including ourselves has the right to take a life. Taking a life is killing and killing is a crime. We have already made that mistake with abortion, killing babies who may otherwise be born and grow up to be capable people contributing to our society, we don't want to make the same mistake and extend it to the elderly and the wider society.

Taking a life whenever someone feels like it whether it's illness, suffering or mental issues is to devalue human life and rob of a person's opportunities and possibilities for recovery and joy as a result of that. As well as that being a blessing to others.

I have personally suffered from a chronic condition for a few years to the point of wanting to die, but I'm glad that I didn't. I later found remedies for when doctors and specialists all told me that there's no cure and was able to return to normal life. What's more, I was able to help others through my experience.

No matter how advanced technology is and how much we know, we can never completely rely on it since technology fails and human judgement lapses from time to time. I have friends who have terminal illness such as cancer and multiple sclerosis and who were given only a few months to live, yet despite dire prognosis, they outlive that by up to 40 years! If "voluntary assisted dying" is legalised, instead of shortening the suffering of people like my friends and their family, it's actually shortening the joy and happiness for all of them.

Sincerely,
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