

Health and Environment Committee

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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

I am worried about the proposed bill for so many reasons it is hard for me to decide which is important. I have been a chaplain at [REDACTED] Hospital for eight years, and have seen how patients who are in pain could easily think that 'assisted dying' would be a good idea when they are feeling anxious and depressed. I have also seen those same patients two days later feeling overjoyed with the miraculous disappearance of their pain and are so glad to be alive. That someone can be killed without even a psychiatric assessment and on the advice of two untrained palliative doctors, is just unthinkable. .Please play your important part in getting our politicians to understand what damage this legislation would do to each individual patient and to the nation as a whole.

Sincerely, Wyn Coghlan. [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Winifred Coghlan
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