

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,

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my opposition to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill. Below are a few of the reasons that I believe this Bill should not be allowed to proceed.

The bill does nothing to protect the lives of the elderly that are suffering from mental illness or are pressured by those surrounding them into committing suicide. We should be doing everything in our powers to protect them and ensure they continue to live in an environment where the only focus is on their health and wellbeing. For the last 18 months we have gone through numerous lockdowns and restrictions with Covid19 in order to protect the most vulnerable people in our society. This bill would seek to undo all the hard work and sacrifice that has been made by simply letting these people die without the unconditional support of the medical community.

Furthermore, this bill does nothing to protect those members of the medical community who are opposed to the idea of euthanasia. Instead of these professionals focusing on the wellbeing of their patients they will be forced into accepting their patients demands despite there being no checks in place to determine the mental capacity of the patient to make such a decision or whether the patient is being pressured by those around them into making this decision. To deliberately override the moral objections of these medical professionals with such a law would lead to a medical care system that is no longer about the care of the patient but rather what is best for the taxpayer and those around the patient.

Sincerely
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