

Health and Environment Committee

From:
Sent: Monday, 7 June 2021 4:23 PM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Defend health care providers!

Re: Defend health care providers!

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

The Voluntary Assisted Dying 2021 Bill does not only fail the elderly and vulnerable – it fails health care providers.

There is no provision for faith-based hospitals and nursing homes to refuse to provide assisted suicide on their premises. The Bill requires them to transfer a person to somewhere that allows it, or in some circumstances, allow the killing to take place on their premises.

Section 92(b) (2) The relevant entity and any other entity that owns or occupies the facility must allow reasonable access to the person at the facility by a medical practitioner (a) whose presence is requested by the person; and (b) who (i) for a first request—is eligible to act as a coordinating practitioner; or (ii) for a final request—is the coordinating practitioner for the person.

It is unacceptable in a free country to force organisations to engage in something that is directly opposed to their mission. They exist to care for the sick and elderly – not kill them. To force them to participate in assisted suicide is outrageous.

Please defend essential care providers by rejecting this Bill.

Sincerely,

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