End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I understand that the End of Life (Scotland) Bill has been assigned to a special committee of MSPs for their consideration. In this regard I wish to express my opposition to the Bill, as follows:

- If society accepts assisted suicide or euthanasia it means that some lives no longer have any meaning, value or worth.
- The will of both the Scottish and Westminster Parliaments has been clearly expressed as opposed to assisted suicide in recent years when this issue has been debated on several occasions.
- The Bill is intended to ‘enable a person to die with dignity and a minimum of distress’. This is already provided through good healthcare and particularly palliative medicine.
- The Professional medical bodies and the British Medical Association do not support assisted suicide.
- Evidence from the Netherlands and the US State of Oregon – where assisted suicide is legal – shows that it is impossible to prevent abuse occurring.

Thank you for your time in considering my points of view.

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