End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

Mr T J Gould

In your consideration of this Bill would you please consider the very real threat that elderly, sick and disabled people could have their lives ended legally, by doctors. I have many friends who are doctors who are utterly opposed to the idea of being asked to help someone commit suicide. Their job is difficult enough in providing good palliative care without this extra complication and it seems to me that our present laws balance well the value of life, against prevention of suffering.

There may be a few Doctors who may favour assisted suicide but the idea of Scotland having "Dr Death" type characters around is entirely abhorrent to me. I hope that for these and many other reasons your committee will recommend throwing out this Bill.

Mr T J Gould
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