End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I am writing to express my concerns regarding Margo Macdonald MSP’s bill that would legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia in Scotland. I believe this is a slippery slope to abuse as it would lead to many people, whatever their condition/disability, vulnerable to those they are dependent on for help. The wording of the bill itself is vague; how does one define 'intolerable', what it is for one is not for another. Also because our feelings and thoughts fluctuate from day to day, what is intolerable one day is fine the next. I believe also that where euthanasia is legal in some countries, i.e. Holland, there is abuse which is publicly know. Since that is a great risk, the safeguards contained in the bill would not be sufficient to stop potential abuse. (one has only to look at what has occurred since the 1967 'abortion bill'.)

Surely there is a responsibility to the vulnerable in society which does not include the availability of euthanasia.

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