End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I wish to bring to the Committee my concerns about the End of Life Assistance Bill that is being considered.

I feel life and death are decided by God and it is not right for us to interfere with this.

If a patient is in pain then they can be given pain controlling medication but that is different from deciding when death should happen.

I would be concerned that as a patient deteriorated then they might make decisions that they might not normally make.

I also feel this would be a very difficult thing for the family of the person to accept, because they would wonder if they really understood what was being given consent to.

I also feel some Medical Practitioners would find this difficult to put into practice knowing the families and the relatives, and why have doctors traditionally taken the hypocrathic oath over many centuries?

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