End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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My husband, David, and I are very much against assisted suicide and would like you to consider the following reasons why -

The law at present prohibits it in order to protect people who are in a vulnerable position.

With good palliative care the physical, psychosocial and the spiritual needs of people can almost always be effectively met and as a result persistent requests for assisted dying are extremely rare.

Legalising physician assisted suicide would compromise the doctor - patient relationship. Doctors are healers and should not be placed in a position where they are asked to kill their patients.

Effective palliative care should be funded and made available both in hospitals and in the community.

More Scottish Government resources should be made available to support the work of hospices.

We hope you will support us in this.

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