End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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Any law passed in this country which would permit assisted suicide or euthanasia would be contrary to Article 2 of the European Convention of Human Rights under which states are obliged to take action to prevent threats against life arising within society therefore permitting an individual to request and receive help to end their life is contrary to this duty of protection.

I am strongly opposed to this proposed bill presented by Margo MacDonald or any other variation of the same. I have a good friend who on two occasions tried to take his own life. He received treatment for the depression from which he was suffering and is now recovered and living happily again with his wife and enjoying the love of his children and grandchildren. What a disaster it would have been for that whole family if instead of the doctors treating him for depression they had responded to his wish at that time that he wanted to die and had assisted him in that way.

What a selfish woman Margo MacDonald is to abuse her position as a member of the Scottish Parliament to bring forward this bill which could have a horrendous impact on Scotland in years to come.

Winston Churchill once famously said, "Never in the field of human conflict have so many owed so much to so few".

Margo MacDonald and her ilk (the few) would turn this upon its head and do so much damage to the many; the elderly, the disabled, the chronically ill, the depressed etc.

Even if there were the strongest of safeguards written into the bill what would they be worth once this door was opened. The 1967 Abortion Act had supposedly safeguards to prevent its abuse but we all well know now that it is often commonly used as another form of contraception. Medical staff can also in conscience opt out from dealing with abortions but there is no conscience clause in this proposed bill.

I have a number of health issues but I want the God who gave me life to decide when my life should end. I do not wish for any individual, myself included to make or be coerced into making that decision.

Again I must reiterate my wholehearted opposition to this bill.

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