I wish to express my views on the ELABill being proposed to the Scottish Parliament.

The value of human life is the common foundation for all those who have concern for the well being of every person. Proponents of assisted suicide and euthanasia, frequently claim that they wish to support human dignity. However, fleeing the possibility of suffering or of loss of control is not based on an adequate or objective vision of the dignity of the human person. Society maintains that every human life, irrespective of the capacities or state of health of the person, has an intrinsic dignity which must be respected and that their life must be protected.

In light of this, I plea with you that this bill is not passed. We must spend our time in pursuit of the best palliative care for those in need. If we allow society to see any sort of killing as acceptable we are leading ourselves down a road of ruin and unknown heartache. We look at the devastation of Hitler and his plight for an Arian race - shall we be led down the same route as other countries such as Belgium and Holland were those interesting and highly intelligent individuals who happen to have been born with a physical need would be put to death simply because of genetics? One person comes to mind ...Stephen Hawkins. One of the most intelligent in brilliant minds of our generation would have fallen into the category of Euthanasia in other European Countries who started off with a bill as proposed to the Scottish Government.

I am whole heartedly in favour of a Scottish Government where we can be in control of our own destiny and I have voted for this right since reaching the age to caste my vote. Please do not make me regret my political views by passing this bill. I want a Scotland to be proud of.

Claire McIntyre

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