End of Life (Scotland) bill

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I am very concerned about the bill being proposed to introduce assisted suicide and euthanasia and I felt it was important that I contact you with these concerns.

Fundamentally this bill is contrary to the rule of law which requires the uniform protection of all human life. This bill could lead to a implied 2-tier society where certain people are thought to be less worthy of this protection and therefore not afforded this basic human right.

The bill does not make it clear whether assisted suicide will be introduced or also euthanasia. The bill states that means assistance, including the provision or administration of appropriate means, to enable a person to die with dignity and a minimum of distress.[Emphasis added] The definition clearly permits a third party to administer lethal means and therefore the bill would permit euthanasia and assisted suicide.

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