End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I should like to make a submission to the Committee expressing my opposition to this Bill based on the following points:

• It proposes a rupture from the legal protection given to all people from being intentionally killed.

• It is fundamentally discriminatory by identify particular groups who can be candidates to have their lives ended.

• Its procedures and safeguards will easily permit many vulnerable people to be killed.

• It will create the impression that some people are right to want to die.

• It will make some people feel a burden for not choosing to die.

• It will permit children of 16 years of age to request to die.

• It has no conscious clause to permit doctors and medical staff to refuse to participate in the procedures.

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