End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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As a mother of four children I am deeply concerned that this bill would be passed. The implications of the End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill proposed by Margo MacDonald are very worrying. I feel it will open the door to all kinds of interpretation and maybe even misuse.

I believe the bill is very dangerous and should be rejected as it will put a large number of fellow country men, women and children at risk. Are we to let Scottish citizens think that they are a burden to their families and the government resources? It would also put a terrible strain and burden on the person/people asked to carry out this horrendous duty.

As a parent I would not like to think that in my golden years my family felt that it would be easier to have me put to sleep. Or that if some injury/illness was to befall any of my family I was asked to consider this abhorrent Bill.

I ask that this committee please consider the whole countries feelings on this Bill. Palliative care is freely available and love and care should be always given to family and friends. The medical profession take an oath to help all people in their care, please do not put them in a position that they may have to choose between their beliefs and the directive they have been given by their employers to carry-out this task.

I would be very grateful if you and the committee could consider my concerns and reject this bill for all of Scotland.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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