End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

John and Ann Steer

We are very concerned that Margo MacDonald's take on the right for self determination regarding life choices may not overall be a wise legislation.

The current law rightly recognises that the lives of all patients in whatever physical condition, are worthwhile and meaningful, even if the patient has lost all sight of this themselves, say through mental deterioration.

To permit assisted suicide would also be a denial of the physical and spiritual redemptive and healing power of God at any moment in an individuals life. It too undermines a doctor's primary responsibility as a healer; they should never have a duty or pressure to help people kill themselves.

Please take on board these issues and hopefully help to argue against the Bill proposed.

John and Ann Steer
21 March 2010