End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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I am writing in relation to the end of life assistance bill. Before I read the bill I was against it and now I have read it I am still against it. In my personal opinion I know the vast majority of practitioners are against the bill as they would have to administer the drug if that is how the suicide would be committed meaning they them selves could feel responsible. Also I feel the conditions you have to meet before assisted suicide can be committed are to broad and vague and example would be people who suffer from type one diabetes would be eligible for assisted suicide as they to some degree dependent on someone, if that was the case I know several people no older then 25 who would be offered this as a “treatment”. I also know many older folks who would fall into this category and they have a high quality of life and the people who help them out love doing so, but this could change if they were offered assisted suicide as a treatment as it is being made out that they are a burden to this person. So instead of taking pressure of carers and letting people die in dignity (which palliative care already does) it could end up putting pressure on older folks to take the treatment of assisted suicide, meaning life would be cut short and the families would suffer.

If this bill passed I would seriously fear for the state of this country as it would eventually become an excepted practice and this would show that people in Scotland agree that some lives have no value meaning or worth. Finally research conducted countries and states where euthanasia is allowed, shows that it is impossible to prevent abuse from occurring, be it from families of victims or from practitioners them selves, meaning people die needlessly.

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