Thank you for the opportunity to make a late submission to the consultation on the End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland.

On review of the submissions from our various constituent Colleges and Faculties, which represent a broad cross-specialty range of Scottish medical practitioners, there is a significant consensus on the opinions and responses expressed by respondents.

These views are contained in the direct submissions from these responding Colleges and Faculties. Rather than correlate and repeat these verbatim, the Scottish Academy broadly endorses and supports these submissions with the caveat that at this time the Scottish Academy takes no organisational stance on the merits of legislating for end of life assistance.

I would be grateful if this position could be included in the consultation response.

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