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Dear Committee Member,

I write to express my concern over the End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill which seeks to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia in Scotland.

If we're talking about enabling a person to die with dignity and a minimum of distress, then as I understand it, this is already provided through the excellent health care and palliative care provided through our NHS.

Also, the scope of the Bill is incredibly wide, offering assisted suicide to people who are to some degree dependent on others, making vulnerable and old people...
Perhaps feel that an assisted suicide is
the best thing for them so they won't be a
burden on anyone - this is a horrifying
outcome and should be unthinkable.

It may be that abuses of the law
seem to be preventable but that is always
people out that who can abuse any
law or privilege to their own ends.

Please rethink this bill and all its
implications.

Yours sincerely

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