Dear Sirs,

I understand that you are the committee discussing the above Bill. I write to say I shudder to think that our once great country has reduced itself to actually seriously contemplating such a Bill. Please do not be taken in by emotive statements like wanting to die with dignity etc. My reasoning is that end of life assistance is the slippery slope to euthanasia, and should be seen for what it is. Human life is sacred and should be upheld as our Doctors ancient code dictates.

The Hospices provide excellent and often unsung places to die in dignity.

Apart from the above, the extreme vulnerability of the sick, the dying and the disabled is open to abuse, as happens in countries practising assisted suicide.

With respect I appeal to your consciences to reject this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Purser