While sympathising very much with Margo Macdonald's situation, I believe we have to think about those who are very vulnerable and old, and perhaps at the mercy of less scrupulous relatives. Both of my parents became very old and sick, but I would not have dreamed of ending my own life or ending prematurely. I trust our medical experts to do what is best of such people, but I know that the BMA and professional medical bodies do not support assisted suicides. Why should they be put in the position of ending lives when their intent is the very opposite? I believe they do an excellent job in providing health care and in the case of palliative medicine.

Isn't it true that both the Scottish and Westminster Parliaments have debated this issue on several occasions, and that they were opposed to it.

There is so much room for the Bill to be abused, as other countries have discovered that I find the whole idea quite frightening.

Yours sincerely,

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