Dear Member of the Committee,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the E.L.A Bill and the potential for the de-valuing of human life that is inherent in the proposals.

Because of the Bill's wide scope, those with non-threatening disabilities and those with relatively common conditions, and thereby having a degree of dependency on others, would be at risk of euthanasia or assisted suicide. This would put an intolerable burden on the elderly and infirm and encourage the guilt and unjustified fear that they are a burden on society. A civilised society is marked by the care it gives to the very vulnerable at both the beginning and end of life and doctors who are committed to care for and encourage life at all stages should not be required to provide 'end of life assistance'.

Yours sincerely

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