Scotch Parliamentary Committee,

END OF LIFE ASSISTANCE (SCOTLAND) BILL

I am writing to express opposition to the above Bill for the following reasons:

1. The fallibility of human beings.
2. The fact that inevitably persons other than the individual concerned can unwittingly or unwittingly influence the decision.
3. The possibility of unmerited pressure placed on medical personal.
4. The real possibility of gradual erosion of the safeguards in the Bill of The Abortion Act.
5. I understand that the BMA and other medical bodies are not in favour of assisted suicide.
6. On a personal experience. My wife was diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease and from the time that the diagnosis was confirmed she was aware of and in a measure at dread of what she knew could cause her physical and emotional distress at the end of her condition. However, during the 18 months or so before her death she was tended by loving carers and dedicated nursing and palliative care, she passed away without stress of fear.

I respectfully submit this expression of opposition for your earnest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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