The End of Life Assistance Bill
Committee,
T3.60,
The Scottish Parliament,
Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you in deep consternation at the prospect of an End of Life Assistance Bill coming into practice. I, herewith, raise the following concerns:

I wonder what your definition of 'intolerable' is? This word needs to be defined as do the methods by which life would be terminated.

Good health care and palliative medicine already 'enable a person to die with dignity and a minimum of distress'.

The BMA and professional medical bodies do not support assisted suicide.

It would be impossible to prevent abuses from occurring, as is evidenced in the Netherlands and the USA state of Oregon.

There appears to be no 'conscience clause' for doctors, the majority of whom would not be prepared to concur with the proposals of the Bill.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Harriet E. M. Martin