The End of Life Assistance Bill Committee
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The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Committee Members

End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

Having been born before World War II, I am familiar with the words of Sir Winston Churchill when he addressed the nation in 1945. He said that he deplored the atrocities that had taken place in Germany and stated that at all times this country would protect the sanctity of human life.

It is my understanding that since 1967 the number of abortions carried out in the UK now exceeds those who died in Hitler’s death camps. No longer do we have the right to point the finger at Hitler and say, ‘lest we forget’. Let us not compound this by even considering legalising euthanasia.

The professional medical bodies and the British Medical Association do not support assisted suicide. Our doctors have taken an oath to do no harm.

Evidence from the Netherlands and the US state of Oregon – where assisted suicide is legal – shows that it is impossible to prevent abuses from occurring.

The taking of human life during peacetime in this land is considered to be murder and, therefore, I am strongly opposed to this bill and the effects it would have on Scottish society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

M.S. Stevenson (Mrs)