Dear ELA Committee,

With reference to the ELA Bill I would like to express my concerns.

Life is precious and everything should be done to alleviate any pain through palliative medicine, so that the patient remains as comfortable as possible.

The Bill places responsibility for providing "end of life assistance on the shoulders of Scottish doctors, for whom it contains no conscience clause and the majority of whom would not be prepared to participate in implementing the proposals of the Bill."
My first husband died from cancer at the age of 45. Although he was very ill towards the end he was kept comfortable with pain relief and slipped into a coma just before the end. He was at home and I was with him till the end. The Marie Curie Nurse was wonderful. Looking back (it was 1987) I would not have wanted it any other way.

[Name] has dementia & has had a small stroke. He is now in a home and is enjoying a quality of life. He enunciates the younger staff with his stories from his childhood which are still very vivid. (Edited)

I believe [Name] is still a valued member of society.

Yours faithfully,

Vivienne Proran