Dee Sirs,

I am writing to you concerning the ELA Bill.

I feel very uneasy about this bill for a number of reasons.

The scope of the bill is very wide.

It would offer assisted suicide to people who are to some degree dependent on others. This could include those with non-threatening disabilities and those with relatively common conditions who have a degree of dependency on others. Vulnerable and old people would be especially at risk.

In this country palliative medicine and health care are second to none.
c. The professional medical bodies and the BMA do not support assisted suicide.

I believe in the sanctity of life and that we should not give people the right to die.

A friend of mine has recently died after a long and painful illness. Several times near the end, he felt he wanted to go and it would have been tempting for his family to listen.

As it was, his death came quickly, naturally and peacefully with enough time for his family to be at his bedside.

The Bible says that a time has been appointed for man to die. Please let's not take away that time.

Yours faithfully

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