

**Committee chaired by the Honourable Mike McPherson
Parliament of Canada**

Subject: Request to immediately remove the following section:

b) de prescrire ou de fournir une substance à une personne, à la demande de celle-ci, afin qu'elle se l'administre et cause ainsi sa mort. (*medical assistance in dying*)

(b) the prescribing or providing by a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner of a substance to a person, at their request, so that they may self-administer the substance and in doing so cause their own death. (*aide médicale à mourir*)

Hello!

Speaking with all my energy, expertise and experience of the last 30 years promoting the rights, responsibilities and freedoms of a person at the end of life, an expert witness for the Senate Committee on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, and an expert witness for the Select Committee on Dying with Dignity, I ask you with my body and soul to remove this section proposing physician-assisted suicide / Oregon model in Bill C-14.

The impacts of this section would be negative and numerous in terms of the safety, serenity and solitude of the individual at the end of life and their family, their caregivers and society. Several questions. How do you ensure a dignified end of life without any complications? How do you control the drugs that are out there? How do you ensure the freedom of the individual at the end of life, in relation to many other people? How do you monitor and assess this system for assisted suicide? And using the word Suicide will have negative impacts on the extraordinary work of thousands of professionals and volunteers working in suicide prevention.

Let's opt solely for assisted dying, or medically assisted dying, in the presence of a physician (or sometimes a nurse practitioner, if a physician is unavailable), from the beginning to the end of the intervention, allowing the person to end their agony and their life, with the significant and caring support of their loved ones.

I am deeply convinced that associations of doctors, lawyers, nurses, social workers, ... and many other stakeholders would strongly support this request to remove this section.

Thank you for your attention to my request to remove this section.

Sincerely,

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