

To All Honourable Members of Parliament:

I am writing to respectfully request that certain sections in the upcoming legislation on Physician Assisted Dying be amended.

I have read the Supreme Court ruling on this topic as well as Madam Justice Lynn Smith's ruling and also the Report of the Special Joint Committee on Physician Assisted Dying.

I am very concerned over the uncourageous and conservative stance the Liberal government has taken on this issue. It appears not only were the 21 recommendations made by the joint committee disregarded, but also there were changes to the words the Supreme Court used in its ruling.

Of grave concern to me is the liberty the government has taken to change the intent of the Supreme Court Ruling from grievously ill and irremediable suffering to death being in the reasonable foreseeable future.

This means people with ALS and other horrible disease will not have choice regarding their right to die. These changes in the draft legislative means that the Carter Case is not being understood or respected.

Regarding the matter of advance consent, it is essential that a person have the right when still competent to make their wishes known in respect to the time when they will not be competent. Of 90% of people surveyed state they wish this choice.

With over 85% of all Canadians desiring a more liberal and courageous law on this matter, it is truly dismaying to read the proposed legislation...

As a retired nurse, I saw too many people suffer needlessly. As Dr. Lowe said in the video he made just before he died, "If anyone could experience what he experienced in his last days" they would grant the right to die to people in their own time and method of choice.

Parliament has recently seen one of its own walk down the aisle very carefully and slowly after being diagnosed with ALS in November. I do not know this person's choice or desire, but how could anyone see that fast progressive of a terrible disease and not have your heart broken. Also realizing that soon that person or yourself could be lying in a bed with a good mind and no control of the body and eventually dying choking to death is a real concern.

**THIS IS NOT THE CANADIAN WAY OR THE WAY OF A JUST AND LIBERAL GOVERNMENT. PLEASE AMEND THIS LEGISLATION.**

SINCERELY,  
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