

I am respectfully submitting the following two points to the Justice Department as a personal submission concerning the legislation on assisted suicide and euthanasia.

These two issues may be easily seen as a double standard and may risk showing discrimination towards those who oppose physician hastened death:

1) While the proposed law is explicit in protecting health care providers who engage in euthanasia and assisted suicide, there no similar clause for the right of refusal for clinicians or organizations despite that legislations elsewhere make this clear. This includes the right to refuse to become complicit in what we believe is doing harm by referring for physician hastened death.

2) There is no a single guarantee of provision of palliative care for Canadians. Euthanasia and assisted suicide is to be implemented broadly and immediately while Palliative Care has not been fully supported even after 50 years of its inception.

Sincerely,

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