

I am a constituent in the riding of Cypress Hills Grasslands. I am very concerned about the Federal plans to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide.

I am opposed to euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices violate the respect for human life which is foundational to Canadian society. I believe that allowing these practices will put vulnerable Canadians at risk, especially those who are elderly or disabled. Allowing euthanasia or assisted suicide will fundamentally change our country's approach to health care. I ask you to consider funding good palliative care to lovingly support and meet the needs of the sick and dying and their families.

If the federal government is going to allow either of these it must ensure that the strictest safeguards are in place. For example, children and teens must not have access to assisted death. Persons experiencing psychological suffering, distress or mental illness must be protected.

Please err on the side of caution. And please take every step possible to protect the conscience rights of medical professionals like doctors, nurses, and of institutions which have mission statements incompatible with intentional taking of life.

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