

Submission to Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights - Bill C-14

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to ask you to please amend Bill C-14 regarding these points:

- Do not allow legal immunity for assisted suicide cases. They must remain open for investigation. Just as in the Tort Law, if someone "mistakenly" kills another person or negligently injures another (in this case fatally), the person who carries out the killing or assistance should be liable and open for charges. They should not be closed cases.

- Respect the conscience rights of all medical professionals involved in assisted suicide and euthanasia. This includes not forcing them to make "Effective Referrals" or any referrals. It is not reasonable to respect one's medical opinion and then force them to effectively refer to carry out the contrary opinion. For instance, if in one's medical opinion removing a kidney is grave mistake for treatment, he would not be forced to refer to a surgeon who would carry out that procedure. There should not be any penalties for exercising your medical expertise.

Thank you for accepting submissions on this subject.

Yours truly,
Peter Lee