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BILL C-7 THE BILL TO KILL

Not an expert debater. Not a gifted writer. But still, I must try to express to you my concern, to beg you, plead with you to strike this “bill to kill” down.

For I have heard the inexpressible grief in the voice of a friend whose dear loved one was allowed to be killed by medical assistance in dying (MAiD). My friend said her family member had considered himself a burden, and because he qualified, requested he be killed. I have heard other elderly folk, who I know would never choose this end and strongly believe in the sanctity of life, express a lament that they are no longer “useful” and that they feel a burden to others. As a result, the bill to kill most certainly will kill. It will kill the vulnerable. It will kill those who instead of being offered death, ought to be reminded they are valuable not because of their contribution to society but because of the value of human life which every human being shares, whether child, adult, elderly, disabled. Valuable and worthy of protecting not because of what we do, but because of who we are. We are human. Humans created with innate value.

Those in authority have been given the tremendous opportunity to either protect, or prey, upon the vulnerable. It is my deepest hope that you will choose to protect the vulnerable. That you will choose to kill this bill. This bill to kill. For it is not much of a stretch to speculate that if not killed, this bill will in the future perhaps kill you.