

As a Christian Canadian woman, mother and teacher, I oppose euthanasia laws. I believe it is a dangerous moral issue to allow people to choose to end their own life. I believe that God who gave us life, has a purpose for each and every one of our lives. If we end it prematurely, we will not fulfill the mission he has for us, in addition, I fear that we will show our Maker that we do not value the gift of life that He has given us and this is a great offense.

We already have palliative care, we have painkillers for people in pain, we have mental health services. We DO NOT need, doctors giving people lethal injections to individuals who have decided to commit suicide.

At the very least, we SHOULD NOT remove safeguards that are put in place to protect the elderly from abuse and coercion by people. We are putting our mentally ill in severe danger if we remove safeguards that will protect them from themselves. We have all had dark days, should we have had opportunity and permission to end it on one of those days, would we have? What of all the life and joy that awaited us after that low point?

In addition, we have only to look at countries like Denmark who were pioneers in euthanasia laws and read the cases of human rights abuses that have occurred there and are occurring. It will be the same here. A friend of mine told me yesterday, that a young man who was friends with her son in Eastern Canada decided to euthanize himself. His friends mainly supported him because this is a choice that we are allowing in our society. How sad when he was struggling from mental health and was not even 50 years old that his life was ended prematurely.