

Say no to Bill C-7 which would expand Canada's euthanasia law and put the lives of vulnerable Canadians, particularly those who suffer from disability and mental illness, and their families at great risk of harm and ultimately an early and irreversible death.

I have witnessed friends and family members struggle with a variety of mental health issues including depression, anxiety, manic depression and schizophrenia. In the low moments many of them have expressed the desire to die to end the mental pain. This is a cry for help from people who need support not the alluring offer of a quick death. Anyone of them could tell you that during the low times they could not see anyway out of the unbearable pain and death seemed the easiest solution yet with time and support these same people are now thriving and grateful to be alive

Suicide prevention and suicide facilitation are diametrically opposed. As a society we can not simultaneously promote both without eroding the moral essence of the other. As Canadians, what side do we want to be on? Do we want to support those who are vulnerable (because most of us know some one who is vulnerable) or do we help kill them. We can not in good faith wholeheartedly do both.

What safe guards are in place to prevent someone who calls a suicide prevention line looking for support from quietly being referred to a euthanasia clinic? Does a policeman called to talk a jumper off a bridge now show up with a doctor offering an injection instead?

The current safeguards to protect vulnerable people are already inadequate. Bill C-7 would put vulnerable people at even greater risk, by removing the need for foreseeable death, reducing wait time, and the witnesses. Coping with the suicide of a loved one is already a source of tremendous heartache for families but having to participate in and/or notionally consent to an assisted suicide would only compound the feelings of guilt amidst the loss and sadness of losing someone forever.

As representatives reflecting the values of Canadians* please provide a firm and resounding "NO" to Bill C-7. As Canadian we want to support our most vulnerable not kill them

(*Note: the results online survey soliciting the opinion of Canadian on expanding euthanasia should not in any way be considered evidence to support Bill C-7 because the survey was biased and assumed the respondents already support euthanasia in it's current form. This is not the case for myself and many other Canadians making the result fundamentally flawed.)