

Cover Page for Bill C-7

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## In Strong Opposition to Bill C7

First, I would like to thank the committee for reviewing this brief.

Going forward I will use the strongest language possible to convey the message that Bill C-7 should be completely thrown out as it diminishes the Human Rights & Dignity of All Canadians and leaves obvious holes in the law that allow for abuse and malpractice with NO Protection for Patients/Doctors/Canadian Citizens when they are most vulnerable.

Euthanasia is considered illegal and immoral & in direct violation of Human Rights in most countries around the world. As a first world country, Canadians should be embarrassed and humiliated that we have allowed this gross injustice against our own Citizens to occur in our own country. Instead of aiding those who are sick, ill, disabled & the vulnerable, "we" a country of "free" health care are choosing to end the life of our own citizens when they get sick even when that illness is not deadly????

Let's be very clear, a doctor that for any reason ends the life of his patient ceases being a doctor at that very moment as he has broken the Hippocratic oath, and has violated the most basic definition of what a Doctor is and stands for. Globally most countries consider Euthanasia a violation of Human Rights & Dignity and the practice of Euthanasia is illegal.

Regarding Bill C-7, the removal of the 10-day waiting period and allowing the same doctor, that would recommend euthanasia, to administer the procedure, the same day, leaves a clear lack of oversight and accountability which leaves gaping holes for malpractice and abuse of "MAID". As this Bill does not put any safeguards in place to protect Patients/Canadian Citizens. For Example: The lack of oversight allowed by Bill C-7 could allow Doctors to get away with malpractice by ending the life of their patients, even if their patient has changed their mind and did not want to proceed with "MAID" and there would be no witnesses to oversee this murder and hold the doctor accountable because the same doctor, that would recommend euthanasia, can administer the procedure, the same day, with no oversight. Also, if a patient has changed their mind and no longer wants to proceed with euthanasia & has lost consciousness or the ability to respond, the doctor may proceed with "MAID" because the Bill- C-7 allows them to and the Doctor would have just committed murder and there would be no protection for this Patient/Canadian Citizen or the Doctor. Allowing doctors to recommend euthanasia to their patients without foreseeable death is unconscionable and it is very easy to see that this leaves far too much room for abuse and malpractice. As well, no doctor should be legally allowed to recommend under any circumstance that a patient ends their life, as this is a complete conflict of interest and a contradiction of the Hippocratic Oath once again leaving room for malpractice and abuse (For example: a Doctor that is racist could start to recommend people from another race be euthanized for any "medical" reason and there would be no protection for the patients/Canadian Citizen. Because Under Bill C-7 euthanasia can be recommended to patients without foreseeable death. This gross injustice would be easily abused under Bill C-7. Bill C-7 leave obvious holes in the law for abuse and malpractice with NO Protection for Patients and Canadian Citizens when they are most vulnerable. As a Canadian Citizen NO one should be comfortable going to a Doctor that would be willing to recommend and end

their life. To make it clear, Euthanasia aka "MAID" should be illegal in Canada and we should do everything we can to uphold life and the dignity of our Citizens.