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To Whom It May Concern

As a Christian, I am strongly opposed to Bill 7015, the Aid in Dying/ Assisted Suicide bill, presently before the Judiciary Committee.

In this day of medical advances to provide Palliative Care for those with terminal and debilitating illness is more humane and kinder to the patient and the family. Palliative Care allows the patient and family the time to take the journey together. Assisted suicide is cruel for the loved ones as well. I have known cases where a terminally ill cancer patient was on hospice with 6 months to live, and by having palliative (hospice) care in a loving environment, they were released from Hospice, and lived another year to enjoy a decent life, seeing grandchildren grow, children marry, share the holidays with family and friends and all that goes with a reasonably comfortable lifestyle. Of course they eventually returned to Hospice and left this world with dignity and grace. Whether beginning of life or end of life, we should not play God with human life. Life should always be respected. Do we morally have the right to legislate the end of life? I think not and firmly believe that this bill should once again be strongly defeated.

Thank you
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