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Cc: Sen. McLachlan, Michael
Subject: Senate Bill 668

Dear Senators,

Soon you vote on a bill that proponents will call "death with dignity." It is the first in a series of developments that will surface if you pass this bill--developments that slowly but surely take control from the individual and put that control into the hands of his/her family.

About the "death with dignity" proposal: it may not seem bad, but we all know that sometimes family situations are more complicated than they seem, and sometimes even downright vindictive. What's the difference between murdering someone who cannot clearly express himself/herself and authorizing a "death with dignity"? Trust and believe: the line will be blurred, questioned, and crossed.

After all that happens, new legislation will crop up. It will further transfer the right to control the lives of more people into others' hands. As the right to devote one's life to its actual dignity, the service of God, slips further and further from people's legal rights, we will become victims of our own policies.

Do not start that process with this step. Retain human life as a sacred walk between creator and created, not to be given into the hands of others. When people take others' lives in their hands outside the proposed context, we call it murder. Do not give this practice a new name.

Sincerely,

Andrew MacPhail