

April, 2016

Dear Member of the Legislature:

I am a constituent in your riding. As you are aware, the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in February of 2015 to strike down Canada's existing laws prohibiting euthanasia and assisted suicide has opened a wide debate. As the Canadian Parliament and our Provincial Legislature are discussing possible legislation, I would like to share with you my concerns about protecting the conscience rights of physicians, healthcare workers and institutions.

Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides protection for the fundamental freedoms of *conscience* and *religion*. Therefore, I request that whatever Federal and Provincial legislation being developed regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide will:

- respect and protect the vulnerable;
- provide proper end-of-life and palliative care for those who need it;
- protect the conscience rights of physicians and healthcare workers who, for moral or religious reasons, choose not to participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide, without them suffering professional or personal consequences; and,
- guarantee continued participation in our provincial health care system without penalty, prejudice or reduction in support or funding, for hospitals, care facilities and other institutions that, for reasons of morality or religion, choose not to participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide.

I ask that you carefully consider my concerns, which I know are shared by other Canadians, as both Federal and Provincial legislation is being drafted and will be voted on.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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