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SUBMISSION to:

End Of Life Choices.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my position to the committee for consideration.

General Position:

1. I do NOT support changing the State laws to provide for voluntary euthanasia or physician assisted dying.
2. I believe the current laws are sufficient to make informed choices on end of life decisions.
3. That increased support to palliative care options is the better solution to the issue.

Reasoning:

1. The complexity of the circumstances a person may find themselves in when considering end of life options would mean that there can never be 100% certainty that a correct choice has been made to end life. Not matter how many checks and balances are put in place there will always be room for error with capital punishment being an example of this where a "guilty" person is found innocent after their death.
2. The conflict in ethical standards that arise in both Government and Medical Professionals whose position is to prohibit killing or do no harm and save life. The changing of the law would cause immense burden and conflict on the individuals charged with administration of this.
3. The popularity in the support of the argument in favour of the change is related to the "dying with dignity" view. This should be addressed by the quality of palliative care available where currently there are significant shortfalls in treatment and support options.

Kind Regards,