

## **Bill C-384**

A bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Canada

### **Sample Letter to a Member of Parliament**

Note: A letter mailed to your MP using the following address can be sent postage free:

House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear (name of your MP),

I am writing to express opposition to Bill C-384. The bill would amend the Criminal Code to permit euthanasia and assisted suicide. I oppose the legalization and practice of euthanasia and assisted suicide on the ground that they undermine the dignity of the human person by denigrating the dying process and by rejecting the community dimension of the person. I believe that euthanasia and assisted suicide are contrary to the practices of holistic health care, cannot be regulated to prevent abuses, and are inconsistent with Canada's reputation as a protector of personal dignity and human rights.

I urge you to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide as a solution to the challenges posed by the suffering of terminally ill members of society, and instead to adopt policies and practices that promote access to comprehensive end-of-life care for all Canadians. By attending to the needs of dying persons among them, Canadians can transform health care. By committing itself to compassionate palliative care, Canada could provide the world with yet another model to be imitated in the realm of health care.

I believe the development of policies that will give palliative and end-of-life care higher priority in our health care system – not the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide – is the way to ensure that people near death receive compassionate care and are able to die with dignity.

Sincerely,