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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my opposition to the act of euthanasia. The decision to take means to end another persons life belongs to God alone. The taking of a life even ones own is an act against hope and disrespects the value of the essence of life.

I have been employed as a Registered Nurse and cared for people in all stages of life. Suffering is not to be desired but it is the role of a the medical profession to compassionately care to the end. This does not involve accelerating the process. In my experience patients are influenced in their decision to end their own life so as to not be a burden on their loved ones. Society needs to reinforce the concept that the greAtest dignity they can show another is the desire to care for them in their suffering to the end. Again this does not and should not involve taking actions to forcefully eradicate their life.

Legalising euthanasia will set society on a slippery slope of devaluing people with disabilities and diseases and encouraging a mentality that life can be ended at anyone's convenience. Once again humanity can not determine when a life is to be taken. Just as no one makes the decision to be born they do not have the right to determine when their life will end. This decision belongs to God alone. To deny God's responsibility in this issue is to deny the dignity of the life that is given to us and will lead to the morAl decay of society.

In short I am opposed to euthanasia for any purpose or in any circumstance.

Regards

Julie Rogers

Sent from my iPhone