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To the committee,

I would like to ask if you consider the No argument for assisted suicide.

Life is a gift, and I understand many people are suffering. And that is not fair.

However, assisting people to die is not the answer to alleviate the suffering.

I'm concerned that the elderly, the vulnerable, those who are social outcasts will feel pressured into assisted suicide. They will feel that their life is not worthwhile, and rather than assisting them live their life to the fullest to their natural death, that they will die without feeling love and having the opportunity to be respected.

I am also concerned that assisting people die will be the 'cheap' option. Rather than putting money into cures for disease or assisting people live, many people will feel as a burden of "cost". This is not fair.

I hope that you consider life, and helping the ill achieve a natural end to life that is filled with respect and dignity. And that we do not forget these people, and pursue life.

Gill