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To the Committee,

I wish to submit to you and plead with you that you do not allow changes to the law regarding end of life choices, where individuals can medically kill themselves so that they suffer no more, or that medical staff can assist in the Euthanasia of a suffering person.

For the medical staff, surely they are bound by the modern version of the Hippocratic Oath where they are to uphold life, and in matters of life death not to play at being God having the power to keep a person's life or take away a person's life.

Good Palliative care and not killing (or Euthanasia) is the answer to relieving pain from the dying. Good well-resourced palliative care gives people the ability to live well in their illness and to die well too. Palliative care would enable families and close ones to the dying to spend quality time with them.

It would be of the utmost importance that for ALL patients dying in pain that they be offered good well-resourced palliative care rather than be offered Euthanasia as THE way to go.

I would also say that Euthanasia is against life and is unlawful killing of life however you see it.

Please, do not allow changes to the laws governing end of life choices that will bring in Euthanasia and medically assisted suicide as being lawful. They should NEVER be made law.

Yours sincerely

Robert Waterman

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