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I would like to ask that the Victorian Parliament continue to uphold the life and dignity of all Victorians at every stage of life.

We would all like to die without undue suffering and distress. Nobody has any guarantee about this, but proper palliative care provisions should ensure that the comfort of those reaching the end of life is maintained, while their dignity and humanity are respected.

Should the path of some overseas nations, e.g. the Netherlands, Belgium or Canada, be followed, I have grave concern that the "safeguards" will not be adequate to protect the lives of the vulnerable, but that instead they may be pressured into requesting a premature end to life. This will certainly put fear into the hearts of the seriously ill and the disabled in our community.

The idea of health professionals becoming killers is abhorrent, and should strike fear into the hearts of all.

Please protect the vulnerable - and our doctors and nurses.

Thanks you very much for your attention. May you honour your responsibility to protect the vulnerable in our community.

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