

## Assisted Suicide Talking Points

- I am greatly troubled by the recommendations before Parliament concerning Physician-Assisted Dying legislation.
- I am alarmed by the recommendations on “medical assistance in dying” that have been presented by the Special Committee on Physician Assisted Dying.
- The Special Committee on Physician Assisted Dying has gone way too far in its recommendations to Parliament. I urge you to consider the voices of millions of Canadians like me who oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia. As you draft a new law, please ensure that it be as restrictive as possible, to protect the vulnerable and to protect medical workers and health institutions from violating their consciences.
- I am greatly troubled by recommendations before Parliament that assisted suicide be available to non-terminal patients, those with psychiatric conditions, and within three years, to children who can be considered “mature minors.”
- As you consider a new assisted suicide law, I urge the **Government of Canada** to draft legislation that will include adequate safeguards for vulnerable Canadians - especially those with mental health challenges, clear conscience protection for health-care workers and institutions, and protection of children and those under 18 from Physician Assisted Suicide.
- As your government prepares to introduce assisted suicide legislation, I urge you to write a law that is as restrictive as possible.
- I am opposed to assisted suicide and euthanasia because deliberately taking innocent human life is wrong.
- Please ensure that the new assisted suicide law you introduce in June minimizes the harm that will follow when killing is legalized. I urge you to put strong safeguards in place to protect the vulnerable.
- Please do not require physicians, who by conscience are opposed to euthanasia, to refer patients to a doctor who would perform the ‘procedure’. Patients would be free to seek a doctor willing to assist their suicide on their own.
- Please do not force publicly funded health care institutions to provide assisted suicide and euthanasia. Allow hospices and religious hospitals to opt out.
- Please do not force doctors and hospitals against their conscience to provide or directly refer Physician Assisted Suicide.
- I urge you to expand quality palliative care in our country. Please ensure that quality palliative care be offered to anyone considering Physician Assisted Suicide.