

Dear Lord/Lady,

Re: Assisted Dying Bill

I am deeply concerned following the passing of the Assisted Dying Bill at its third reading in the House of Commons on Friday 20th June 2025. The Bill has not received the proper scrutiny it deserves & I fear this proposed legislation has been rushed. I'm concerned that it will have unintended consequences that disproportionately affect ethnic minority communities like my own.

I believe cultural and religious traditions place great value on the sanctity of life and view suffering as something to be supported through care & compassion, not shortened through intervention.

At a time when social care is chronically underfunded, accessible housing is scarce, and many disabled & vulnerable people are unable to afford food, energy, or other essentials, this legislation sends a message that some lives are less worthy than others.

This legislation will undoubtedly create a two-tier system whereby the vulnerable & those considered to be 'less worthy', or victims of domestic abuse may find themselves in a situation feeling obliged to end their life prematurely. The safeguards that are in place do little to reassure me that such abuse of the system would not be possible.

Through the scrutiny the Bill will undergo as it progresses through the House of Lords I hope the following can be put in place:

- A. To tighten the safeguards to protect vulnerable & ethnic minority communities where language capability decreases with age.
- B. To reinstate a requirement for a judicial review rather than the vague terminology requiring only a 'senior legal figure' review
- C. To ensure that safeguards are in place to protect doctors who refuse to partake in Assisted Dying on the basis of conscientious objection.
- D. To ensure safeguards are enacted to protect small organisations like hospices being bullied into enabling assisted dying by tying government funding to it (ex- minister Kit Malthouse suggested that funding could be withdrawn).

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,