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**From:** Thea Lloyd  
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**To:** Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** Euthanasia bill

Please tell me how to make comment on this bill.

I feel that euthanasia should be left to be a decision to be made by the person suffering rather than making it illegal to decide when you want to end your own life.

People use alcohol, drugs, pornography etc. by their own choice. They are not made criminals by doing so. If they choose not to use/or abuse as may be the case, so that is still their choice. The same courtesy should be afforded to someone who chooses to end their own life. If they need information or assistance in order to do so that is still their own choice. The alcoholic asks someone to buy from the bottle shop for them....that assistant is not a criminal.

I have witnessed suffering on 3 occasions and if euthanasia was available it would have eased their way out of it. I personally never want to suffer like that. The painkillers and attempts at easing mental and physical anguish were insufficient and people will do anything to stop being in so much pain and suffering, not only physical pain, eventually it becomes mental too. No mortal human should be made to suffer to such a degree that it becomes undignified and they also realise that their anguish is undignified.....a double whammy.....thinking that you are a burden while you yourself are suffering so abominably.

Regards,

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