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Senate Committee - I oppose Euthanasia and request the right to live be enforced _ I looked after my ageing parents for 7 years and with prayer and medication Life Can be Good - until the end.
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Euthanasia makes killing the patient a form of treatment. This is a terrible perversion of medicine. We should aim to kill the pain not kill the patient. Furthermore, euthanasia severely reduces patient autonomy and gives doctors the power of life or death. Doctors may decide that a treatment is futile but they should never be allowed to determine that a life is futile. Disability rights groups have often led the campaign against euthanasia because they recognise the risk it poses to people whose lives are sometimes seen as worthless by others.