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Mr./Ms. [MP first name] [MP last name], MP  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  K1A 0A6  
  
Dear Mr./Ms. [MP last name],

I am one of your constituents in the riding of [name of riding]. I am writing to you about Bill C-14.

I am very concerned that Bill C-14 doesn’t provide conscience protection for health care providers and institutions. The preamble of the bill mentions the government has committed to developing non-legislative measures that respect the personal convictions of healthcare providers, but the bill does not provide any protection itself, nor does it commit to protecting the conscience of institutions.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide violate the respect for human life which is foundational to Canadian society. I am opposed to euthanasia and assisted suicide, and am very concerned that the government is moving ahead with allowing these practices.

But if euthanasia and assisted suicide are decriminalized, it is essential that no one be compelled to participate directly or indirectly in the taking of a human life.

Pharmacists, doctors and nurse practitioners must have the right to refuse to participate in “medical assistance in dying” for reasons of conscience, either directly or indirectly, including the right not to have to make a referral. Institutions that provide care for patients and residents must not be compelled to help bring about their death, or required to allow this to occur on their premises.

Please take every step possible to protect the conscience rights of both medical professionals and of institutions which have mission statements incompatible with the intentional taking of human life.

Please amend Bill C-14 to include strong, specific conscience protection for individuals and institutions.

We ask you to represent our concerns. Please let us know how you will communicate our concerns to your colleagues.

Sincerely,

[Your name]  
[Your address]