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Attention: Principal Research Officer
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Dear Sir/Madams of the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices.

I would like to add my voice to the call for continuing to improve the services, planning and implementation of end of life care and to strongly oppose a bill that has its purpose in legally terminating life that would otherwise be viable.

The Australian Medical Association is opposed in principle and in practice the efforts to create a law supporting medically assisted suicide.

If this peak body of professionals can see the myriad of pitfalls and dangers for the weak and medically compromised in our society surely we should take notice.

I submit the AMA position statement of 2016 for Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide as reasoned argument to reject any form of 'Suicide Bill' that will in time reduce our caring, compassionate, civilised society to something other than that.

I remain ever in hope of protection for the weak and defenceless of our society who would be the victims, in time, of legislation that puts in the hands of one member of society to take the life of another.

Yours Sincerely

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<https://ama.com.au/system/tdf/documents/AMA%20Position%20Statement%20on%20Euthanasia%20and%20Physician%20Assisted%20Suicide%202016.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=45402>