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To whom it may concern:

The practice of euthanasia is a radical departure from the legal and medical stance of western civilization. The protection of life and prohibition of killing has been paramount both at law and in the Hippocratic oath taken by doctors. Allowing euthanasia undermines the expectation and trust that patients have in the medical profession to prolong life, and encourages the depressed and discouraged to end life rather than sustain it. It smacks horribly of past eugenic programmes which history has recognized as inhumane and unlawful.

Yours faithfully,

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