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To whom it may concern,  
It has come to my attention that the Government is proposing an inquiry into end of life choices.

I would like to register my opposition to changes which would allow more freedom to doctors or anyone to hasten the death of any person. I believe the current AMA statement of disagreement with euthanasia covers all relevant aspects and with regard to the patient, there is sufficient freedom to allow dignity in death and excellent palliative care which alleviates suffering. I have endured the difficulties of my husband's death from pancreatic cancer and in the final week he was given sufficient care to alleviate his extreme pain and he died peacefully.

I do think the pain of those relatives/friends closely associated with the patient is painful for all to see but is not cause to hasten the death of the patient.

I think the experience of some countries who now consider euthanasia even for children is not a path we wish to follow and the results of fear on the part of the elderly knowing that they could have their life ended if they were considered a burden on carers is unwelcome to put it mildly.

I wish the current AMA position to be upheld and not tampered with in any way.

Yours faithfully,

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