

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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Dear Constituent,

It has been 8 years since the Liberals legalized euthanasia in Canada, and, with every year that passes, more and more Canadians are losing hope turning to “Medical Assistance in Dying”(MAiD).

In 2019 the Liberals tabled Bill C-7 which changed the two criteria necessary to qualify for Assisted Death, this means that people whose deaths are not reasonably foreseeable could now access Assisted Death, including all Canadians who are living with a disability. **Bill C-7 also included a clause that would allow those with mental illness as a sole medical condition to access Assisted Death beginning March 17, 2023.**

Due to significant alarm raised by Conservatives, the medical community, and concerned Canadians, the Liberals rushed Bill C-39 through Parliament in order to delay the implementation of this expansion by 1 year.

As the year slipped away, Canadians continued to make it known that they are opposed to this reckless expansion. **Instead of listening to Canadians and completely discarding their terrible plan, the Liberals pushed through Bill C-62 which pushed the implementation 3 years down the road.** This means that by default Assisted Death will become available to people suffering solely from a mental illness on March 17, 2027. We need to stop this and protect vulnerable people.

Conservatives believe our health care system should help people find the hope and support they need to live—not assist in their deaths. In Alberta, Conservative MLA Dan Williams has done great work as the minister for mental health and addiction. As your federal representative, I will continue to advocate for better mental health supports for struggling Canadians. We will never give up on anyone

Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey so I can hear your thoughts on Canada’s Assisted Death regime and this imminent expansion. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

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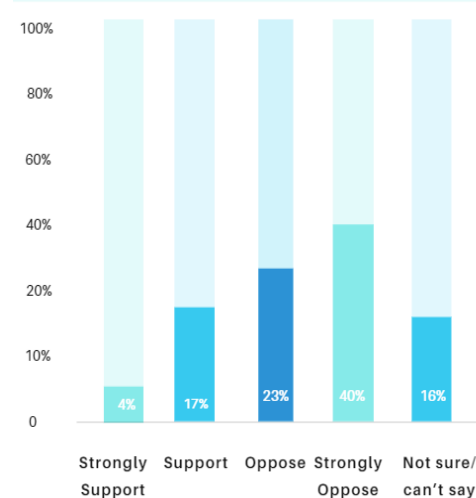
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When asked if they support MAiD for mental illness, Albertans had the following response:



Let me know what you think below!

Do you agree with my position that Assisted Death is not healthcare?

Yes Unsure No

Do you support the Conservative stance that people suffering from mental illness should be offered support, not death?

Yes Unsure No



Name

Email

Phone

Address

The Liberals' MAiD regime is instilling fear in Canada's elderly

Things in Canada are far worse than what we ever thought possible. The Liberal Government's extreme euthanasia regime has resulted in people fearing that they will be coerced into ending their lives prematurely.



Christine Nagel

Christine is an 81-year-old woman from Calgary who had the words "Don't euthanize me" tattooed on her shoulder. She said that to her this tattoo means "I'm going to live until God's ready for me." The tattoo serves as a constant reminder to her that she deserves to live until the natural end of her life.

Christine's concerns stem from the Liberal Government's refusal to recognize that the dignity of human life continues all the way until natural death. This has resulted in a failure to provide proper end-of-life care. Trudeau's Liberals are quick to extend Assisted Death, yet they are withholding funding from palliative care facilities.

Under the Liberal Government, Palliative Care is becoming less accessible

The Delta Hospice Society has been committed to providing end-of-life care since 1991. The hospice has provided comfort and care to countless patients in British Columbia over the years as a non-profit organization.

When Assisted Death was legalized in Canada in 2015, Delta Hospice Society opted out of providing euthanasia to the patients there.

In 2020 the Delta Hospice Society was informed that they would be losing their government funding because of their refusal to participate in the Assisted Death regime. Subsequently, the Hospice's lease was called into question and they lost possession of their facilities. While impeded by the loss, the Delta Hospice continues to support people at the end of life, both virtually and out of the patients homes.

The story of Delta Hospice Society is a sad example of the Liberal Government choice to kill people rather than provide care for them. Because of the Liberals' aggressive Assisted Death legislation, facilities and resources meant to serve Canadians are standing empty while palliative care becomes increasingly difficult to access.



 **Delta Hospice Society**
comfort, meaning, dignity and hope

If Assisted Death for Mental Illness was legal, Tyler Dunlop wouldn't be alive today

Tyler Dunlop has been experiencing homelessness for more than ten years. In January of 2023 Tyler was completely hopeless and convinced he would never make it out of the endless cycle of addiction and homelessness. He felt like he had taken more than his fair share of support from the system and made the decision to apply for Assisted Death.

Thankfully at that time Assisted Death was not accessible for people suffering solely from a mental illness and his request was denied. Because Tyler was refused assisted death, he turned to a local news outlet to share his story. Since sharing his struggles Tyler has found the help he needs and discovered a new purpose in life. He has since dedicated himself to advocating for people experiencing homelessness and addiction and he has given up on his pursuit of Assisted Death. Tyler Dunlop published his first book, *Therefore Choose Life: My Journey from Hopelessness to Hope*, in November 2023.

If the Liberal Government had been allowed to recklessly expand Assisted Death to people suffering solely from a mental illness, Tyler Dunlop would have never found the hope and healing he needed to rebuild his life. A Conservative government will permanently throw out this expansion. We will make sure that no Canadians are left behind, feeling like death is their only option.



Tyler Dunlop



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