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Dear,

I write to you about very serious and fast-moving developments on assisted suicide. Today, Kim Leadbeater MP introduced her bill to legalise assisted suicide to the Commons. It will have its Second Reading on 29 November. At this point, MPs will have a chance to debate the issue of assisted suicide, and it is possible that a vote will take place.

Throughout history, the Church has strongly opposed assisted suicide and euthanasia. God's word teaches us that human beings, made in God's image, are to be protected and cherished. This is especially true for those who are vulnerable, broken, and powerless.

The UK is a world leader in palliative medicine, following the pioneering work of Christians like <u>Dame Cicely Saunders</u>. The beauty of palliative care is it offers total care, addressing the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of the patient. This support – not state-assisted suicide – is what governments need to invest in for years to come.

## Make your voice heard

With huge pressure in the media and politics, we face the worst ever threat of assisted suicide becoming law. I urge you, please, to write to politicians to share your concerns. We have set up a simple web page to help you contact your MP.

You can amend the template emails we've provided, add your name, and hit send. Perhaps you could also forward this email to a friend and ask them

resources on assisted suicide, you can visit our cause page.

Yes, I'll write to my MP

## **Tell your story**

In past debates, parliamentarians have read out correspondence from constituents, including testimonies of families' experiences caring for loved ones at the end of life, concerns about how vulnerable or disabled loved ones could be endangered by assisted suicide, and powerful stories of people who have lived well beyond their prognosis.

Can I encourage you to share your personal stories as you write to politicians? I cannot emphasise enough how powerful this can be for those you are writing to. If you would prefer to share a testimony of this kind with us, which we may share anonymously with our friends working on this issue in parliament, then please do so.

I trust that you'll join us in prayer about this issue, asking for God's mercy and powerful intervention. With Him all things are possible.

Yours faithfully,



## **Ross Hendry**

CEO of CARE

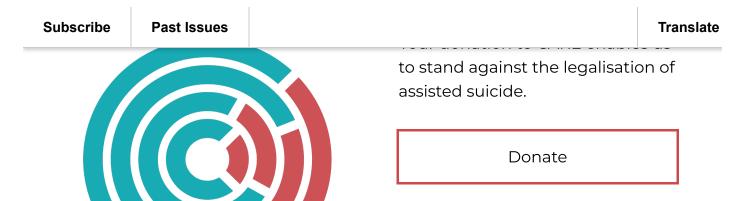












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