

What is Bill C-7 and Why Should I write to the Prime Minister and My Member of Parliament?

In 2016 euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation came in through Bill C-14. Bill C-14 was to be studied further but that did not happen. Now, Bill C-7 (many Canadians are not even aware of this bill) has been introduced to further expand euthanasia and assisted suicide. It passed 2nd reading on October 29th, 2020. Bill C-7 would allow those who are not dying to access euthanasia by lethal injection at the hands of a doctor or nurse practitioner. In cases where natural death is considered to be “reasonably foreseeable”, individuals could be diagnosed, assessed and euthanized all in one day if the 10-day reflection (waiting) period is removed, as the bill intends. Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) has been deemed an essential service under the Canada Health Act and palliative care has not. 70% of Canadian citizens nearing the end of life still do not have access to palliative care. If Bill C-7 is passed in its current form, it will make our country the world leader in administering death. It is extremely important to express our views to our prime minister and members of parliament.

Write to your Member of Parliament and Prime Minister Trudeau Letters to the Prime Minister and all MPs can be mailed postage free to:

**Name of MP or Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6**

**Member of Parliament for Charleswood/St. James/Assiniboia/Headingley is
Marty Morantz – Email Marty.Morantz@parl.gc.ca or
Call Marty Morantz Constituency Office at 204 984-6432 or Ottawa call 1 613
995-5609**

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**Following is a “sample letter” that can be used as a guideline for
those writing to their MP and the Prime Minister to appeal Bill C-
7. Writing your own personal letters is encouraged.**

Street Address

Town, Province postal code

email address

Date

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Bill C-7 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)
MAID**

I am writing as a private citizen to express my concerns about the amendments to Bill C-7 which received 2nd reading October 29, 2020.

Most of the safeguards to protect vulnerable persons are being removed from this bill. Amendments to Bill C-7 now allow for advanced directives making euthanasia even more available. My fear is that eventually exceptions will be made to include mature minors and the mentally ill. As with the Truchon Case, this law will always be challenged and it will be hard to limit the reasons for which one can request MAID.

With the December 18, 2020 deadline, I feel that there will not be enough time given for a comprehensive review of this bill and to the state of palliative care in Canada. As we have seen in the media during this Covid-19 pandemic, the living conditions for many who live in care facilities is quite deplorable. Even basic needs were not being met in some instances. Those who are weak, sick, isolated and suffering can be easily pressured into believing that euthanasia is a good option to relieve their present circumstances and not be a burden on family and society. Death should not be the option. Kindness and compassionate palliative care should be the solution. Palliative Care is only available to 30% of Canadians. Strive to make palliative care a priority and available to all Canadians. Please vote against Bill C-7.

Sincerely,
Your signature
Your Name typed or printed