

Dear [Member of Parliament]

I am writing to express my opposition to Bill C-7 which threatens the lives, rights, and dignity of people with disabilities I am asking you to do everything within your power to ensure this Bill never comes into force.

In the midst of a global pandemic, and at a time when people with disabilities are experiencing significant hardship, when the government should be ensuring access to needed supports, it is offering people with disabilities an assisted death. To add insult to injury, Bill C-7 is being rushed through the parliamentary process. Given the implications of Bill C-7, this is unconscionable.

The Government of Canada prides itself on championing inclusion and accessibility. With its current position on the reintroduction of MAiD, the Government reminds us they have a glaring blind spot when it comes to their vision on a more inclusive Canada. This is not simply an unfortunate omission. It is a betrayal of the foundational principles of inclusion – one that puts the lives of people with a disability at risk.

If the government is truly committed to building a more inclusive and accessible Canada, it must continue to restrict MAiD to end of life circumstances and prevent MAiD from being provided on the basis of having a disability. The government has a responsibility to protect the human rights and dignity of all Canadians, including persons with disabilities.

There is no question in the need to take action – lives are at stake. We are calling upon you to publicly stand with Canadians who have a disability, and their families, in opposing Bill C-7.

Sincerely,