# Assist us to live, not to die.

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I agree and stand with Not Dead Yet UK, a network led by disabled people who believe the debate on assisted dying cannot be separated from the conditions in which disabled and seriously ill people are expected to live.

The wider issues facing terminally ill people are the same as those experienced by many disabled people. The concerns of disabled people cannot be dismissed as not relevant to a Bill about terminal illness. We share five key concerns:

- **Meaningful Choice:** Fear of poverty, isolation, inadequate care and burdening others shape how people see their future. A choice to die is not genuinely free if the support needed to live well is unavailable.
- **Adequate Care:** Palliative and social care remain under severe pressure. The Prime Minister agrees their funding should be fixed before Parliament even considers assisted dying.
- **Coercion:** Pressure is rarely obvious. The EHRC says the Bill *"does not really engage with the broader trends or cultural issues"* around coercion. The former NHS England CEO states *"self-coercion in the name of altruism"* would be encouraged. People should never feel that death is the answer to feeling a burden.
- **Safeguards:** Serious concerns remain unresolved. The Royal College of Psychiatrists says the Bill *"makes no provision to assess unmet needs at any stage"*, while the British Geriatrics Society comment that there were *"no specific safeguards that would protect older people from abuse and coercion."*
- **Parliament Acts:** If MPs preserve the option of invoking the Parliament Acts by passing the Bill without amendment, the ability to change the Bill later is highly constrained. The flaws identified by experts are likely to remain.

Many disabled people will live with (and die by) the consequences of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

Please attend Parliament on 11 September and vote **NO** at Second Reading.

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