

PRESS RELEASE

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LIFE welcomes Parliament's rejection of the Assisted Dying Bill

The national pro-life charity LIFE welcomes the rejection by the House of Commons of the Assisted Dying (No2) Bill. MPs voted by a huge margin, 330 votes to 118, to block any further progress of the legislation. It now fails and will not become law.

LIFE Spokesman Mark Bhagwandin said: "We commend MPs who despite enormous pressure have voted to protect the sick, disabled and elderly in society who would have been placed at risk had this bill been successful. There were no clauses in the bill which, when taken as they were or even amended, would have provided effective protection for the vulnerable. We are happy that Parliament listened to the voices of those who would have been directly affected by the Bill and to the voices of the people who care for them.

Whilst we sympathise with the situation some people may find themselves in, empowering people with the legal ability to help others die opens up the very real possibility of abuse. Those doctors and those groups who represent the vulnerable must be praised for speaking up for the right to be protected.

Today Parliament remembered its duty to protect the vulnerable and voted against this bill."

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LIFE is a pro-life charity that supports anyone facing a crisis pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after an abortion, and strives to engage, inspire and inform the next generation.