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RE: Bill 84, Medical Assistance in Dying Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017

Dear Minister Hoskins,

I am writing to you regarding Bill 84, the Medical Assistance in Dying Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017. The response to the bill from the community of Sarnia-Lambton has been overwhelming, Bill 84, as tabled on December 7, 2016, fails to provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers that object to medical assistance in dying (MAID), therefore, it should be amended before becoming law.

I strongly agree with my constituents and ask that as Minister of Health and Long-Term Care you commit to amending Bill 84 so as to protect the rights of health care workers that conscientiously choose not to be a participant, either directly or through an effective referral protocol, to MAID.

Minister, for your review I have enclosed copies of the hundreds of letters that I have received regarding Bill 84. My hope is that as Minister of Health and Long-Term Care you use your position to enshrine conscience protection in legislation rather than leave this important element of MAID to the provincial health regulatory colleges.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Bob Bailey, MPP
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