

Citizens With Disabilities – Ontario

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CWDO Resolution on Assisted Suicide

Whereas; Citizens with Disabilities Ontario believes that all human beings have value and endless potential and that persons with disabilities have the right to live their lives without fear of being euthanized simply because they are persons with disabilities; and

Whereas; persons with disabilities have the full protection of all the laws and access to the justice system as any other citizens or resident of Canada has at their disposal;

Therefore; be it resolved that CWDO supports and affirms the current position held by the Council of Canadians with Disabilities that the Federal Government make no changes to the Criminal Code of Canada or any other legislation to allow assisted suicide, so-called mercy killing to be legalized in any form or in any jurisdiction within Canada;

Be it further resolved; that CWDO believes killing people with disabilities simply because they are disabled is and should be treated as a hate crime and a crime against humanity. Individuals convicted of such crimes should receive the maximum sentence allowed for by Canadian law, with no exceptions.

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