

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Candidate questionnaire 2008: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) is a national organization that exists to build a well-informed, broadly-based network of groups and individuals who support measures to create an effective social barrier to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

During the previous parliament Francine Lalonde MP (BQ - La Pointe-de-l'Île) introduced Private Members Bill C-562 to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada.

Euthanasia is a deliberate act undertaken by one person with the intention of ending the life of another person to relieve that person's suffering, where the act is the cause of death ("Of Life and Death" Special Senate Committee, Final Report, June 1995).

Assisted suicide is the act of intentionally killing oneself with the assistance of another who provides the knowledge, means or both (Of Life and Death - 1995).

Section 222 is the homicide provision and Section 241 is the assisted suicide provision within the Criminal Code of Canada.

Bill C-562 would have legalized euthanasia by amending subsection 222(7) and legalized assisted suicide by amending subsection 241(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

In the next parliament there will probably be another private members bill similar to Bill C-562.

Questions for your candidate:

Candidate: _____ Party affiliation: _____

Riding: _____ Province: _____

1. If elected, will you support legislation to legalize euthanasia in Canada? Yes No Undecided

Comments: _____

2. If elected, will you support legislation to legalize assisted suicide in Canada? Yes No Undecided

Comments: _____

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) supports measures that will improve access to quality end-of-life-care for all Canadians. EPC supports measures that will improve access to services and programs that promote the equality and dignity of people with disabilities.

Please return this information to our office – by mail or fax or e-mail.

Thank you for your support

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