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Dear Father,

We are writing to you concerning the upcoming Third Reading vote on Kim Leadbeater's Assisted Suicide Bill, expected to occur on Friday 25th April. We are writing to you jointly because of our shared interest in human rights and protecting the right to a decent life for disabled and older people. We have a very important ask for you.

But first, we want to thank you for the actions you have taken already to help mobilise opposition to this proposed change to the law, which would have severe consequences for many in our society. Although the Bill passed its Second Reading late last year, the vote was much closer than many anticipated.

The Independent has reported that at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill did so only to facilitate further discussion, or expressed reservations indicating they might not support it at the Third Reading. Since then, several other MPs have indicated they are reconsidering their positions and may vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

With the vote passing previously by a margin of just 55, only 28 MPs would need to reconsider their stance for the Bill to be defeated. Clearly, defeating this Bill at Third Reading is within reach.

Our nation stands at a crucial juncture regarding how we value human life, particularly the lives of people in the most vulnerable situations. If this significant proposal to introduce assisted suicide becomes law, thousands of individuals will be placed at risk in the coming years.

Mounting evidence from the small number of places around the world that have legalised assisted suicide shows that these laws are incremental, that safeguards do not work, and that the changed law can have devastating consequences.

It is, therefore, imperative that this Assisted Suicide Bill is defeated at Third Reading.

Both of us have spoken to several MPs, and colleagues agree that one of the most effective ways to persuade MPs to oppose this dangerous Bill is through physical letters or postcards from constituents asking them to vote "no" to the Bill. This is borne out from our own experience, serving in both Houses of Parliament over the past four decades.

Not Dead Yet UK, a network of disabled people who oppose legalising assisted suicide, has very helpfully arranged for the **enclosed postcards to be printed and distributed throughout the UK**. These postcards present evidence-based reasons to oppose assisted suicide, urging MPs to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

If these postcards are sent to your local MP in substantial numbers, we know they will have a genuinely significant impact. We sincerely hope you will feel able to encourage those who share our concerns about this Bill to use them in making clear their opposition to the legislation.

The team at *Not Dead Yet UK* has worked extremely hard to get the postcards out to parishes. They have expressed the fear that their cards sit at the back of churches and that few will get sent to MPs.

To ensure these have as big an impact as possible, we would entreat you to ensure all of your parishioners receive a postcard and understand that they need to urgently send it to their MP in good time before the vote later this month.

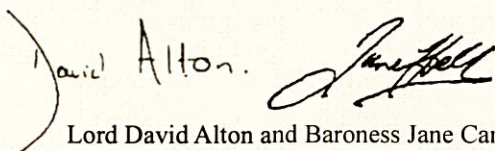
To help make this a success, could we please encourage you to take both of the following steps:

1. Arrange for someone to either hand these postcards directly to all parishioners after Mass or ensure they are placed in the pews of your church.
2. Ask your parishioners from the pulpit to urgently send these postcards to their MP.

We only have days left to stop this terrible change to our laws - but we know that if parish priests around the country take action to ensure their parishioners send these postcards, then MPs will receive tens of thousands of them. This will make a profound difference.

Thank you very much indeed for your help and support at this critical moment.

Yours sincerely,


Lord David Alton and Baroness Jane Campbell