very human life has value, meaning and purpose.

Everyone deserves to live with respect, dignity and equality with access to knowledge, support and resources during times of medical and personal crisis.

Unfortunately, there is a growing tendency to promote "mercy killing" as a solution to suffering, pain, mental and physical challenges, social ills, and rising health costs.

Sanctioning of euthanasia and assisted suicide has led to increased use of euthanasia without consent, circumvention of the law, and abuse of the vulnerable.

Advances in hospice/palliative care and pain management methods are threatened when euthanasia and assisted suicide are sanctioned as a means of relieving pain and suffering.

A REQUEST FOR EUTHANASIA OR ASSISTED SUICIDE IS A CALL FOR HELP. People need carring, not killing.

If you or someone you know requires advice, help or non-medical support for depression, isolation, loneliness, pain, terminal illness, disability or end-of-life situations related to age, contact

Compassionate Community Care Helpline at 1-855-675-8749.

They provide a complete circle of care that recognizes and respects the physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of all those involved.

For more information, visit www.compassionatecommunitycare.org