



## Lord Alton of Liverpool

November 2024

Dear Father,

I am getting in touch regarding the upcoming vote on Kim Leadbeater's Assisted Suicide Bill on Friday 29th November.

Our nation stands on the brink of a major change in how we treat human life, particularly the lives of the most vulnerable. If this radical proposal to introduce assisted suicide passes, thousands of vulnerable lives will be at risk over 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 vital that this Assisted Suicide Bill is defeated on Friday 29th November.

I have spoken to several MPs and colleagues agree that one of the most effective ways to urge 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 my own experience, serving in both Houses of Parliament over the past four decades.

*Not Dead Yet UK*, a network of people with disabilities who oppose legalising assisted suicide, has helped in having the **enclosed postcards printed and distributed throughout the UK**. These postcards present evidence-based reasons to oppose assisted suicide, urging MPs to vote against the Bill on 29th November.

If these postcards are sent to your local MP in large numbers, I know they will have a really big impact.

I really hope that 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 put a lot of work into getting these out to parishes. They have expressed the fear that their cards sit at the back of churches and that not many will get sent to MPs.

To ensure these have as big an impact as possible, I would entreat you to ensure all of your parishioners receive one of these postcards and understand that they need to urgently send it to their MP in good time before the vote on 29th November.

To help us make this a great success, could I 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 I know that if parish priests around the country take action to ensure their parishioners send these postcards, MPs will receive tens of thousands of them, and this will make a profound difference.

Thank you in advance for all your help with this at this critical time.

Yours sincerely,

David Alton