

Letter of undersigned Associations signed to the Chairman of the Committee of the Senate Health and Hygiene

Dear President Emilia De Biasi,

It has been almost 19 years since the presentation of the first Bill (# 5673 of 10 February 1999) on the advance directives for treatment and there are now hundreds of Italian municipalities that, properly sensitized, have approved the establishment of the "registry of living wills" to meet the demand for therapeutic self-determination of their citizens, in the event of a supervening incapacity making. But the commitment to the effective exercise of the constitutional right to choose their own therapies would defeat, as they would again disregard the legitimate hopes of public opinion, even if the current legislature is unable to approve a text which, as amended by the Chamber strictly, thus reducing significantly the substitute role of trustee in case of conflict with the doctor (article 4, paragraph 5), still represents an important achievement of civilization.

For this we wish to express our appreciation and support to its reiterated intention to convinced directly send to the Senate the Bill voted in the Chamber that, as we reiterate with force, it is in no way intended to introduce in Italy a legislation to legalize euthanasia.

Confident and grateful, best regards

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