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Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly support the dignity of both life and death; living and dying with dignity. I strongly disagree with any legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

I am 82 years of age and my experience is as follows: In the autumn of 2009 I was diagnosed with c difficile, and had a colectomy (removal of the colon). I was close to death and put in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Montreal General Hospital for two months. I was very ill, and a lot of things went wrong. I had trouble breathing, and had a tracheotomy. There was some question as to whether I should have the surgery, knowing that my recovery was not certain and would be difficult. Yet, I told the doctors that I very much wanted to live.

I have received compliments on my fighting spirit and love for life. As well, I get many visitors who have encouraged me to keep up the fight.

Please help me, as one of those people who strongly believe in the dignity of life! Instead of favouring euthanasia and assisted suicide, why don't you encourage greater care in improving the quality of life for the sick, handicapped and terminally ill?

Yours sincerely,

*F. Ms. Connor*