



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**



**Legislation Chair
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TO: Diocesan Chairpersons Legislation
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Legislation (for information)
FROM: Sharon Malec Provincial Chairperson of Legislation

**Bill C-7
Time Sensitive**

Action is needed urgently! The Supreme Court of Quebec ruled that Bill C-7 must be passed by the federal government by **February 26, 2021**. The Bill was forwarded to the Senate of Canada and having reviewed it, sent it back with two amendments to the House of Commons on February 17th. The amendments were passed by a vote of 66 to 19 with three abstentions.

The two amendments are:

1. To allow people who fear losing mental capacity to make advance requests for assisted death. (eg. Dementia)
2. To impose an 18-month time limit on the bill's proposed blanket ban on assisted dying for people suffering solely from mental illness.

Justice Minister David Lametti also is not ruling out the possibility of asking the Supreme Court to advise the government on the constitutionality of Bill C -7. He believes it will be challenged in court.

As a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, please express your concerns as soon as possible to:

Your Member of Parliament.
The Honourable Justin Trudeau – Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable David Lametti – Minister of Justice

Write your letter, phone or email. They need to hear our voice!