



# Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Dear Friends

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There have been several significant victories in the past month.

In mid-September, we were contacted by Margaret Marsilla, who was working to prevent the euthanasia death of her 23-year-old son, Kiano. Kiano was approved to die by euthanasia (MAiD) on September 22 at the MAiD House (euthanasia clinic) in Toronto. Margaret loves her son and was intent on preventing his death. EPC helped Margaret with her online petitions and her letters to the media and other authorities.



Dr Joshua Tepper, who had agreed to euthanize Kiano, responded to the successful online petitions by changing the death date to September 28 and then cancelling Kiano's euthanasia death. We helped collect almost 10,000 signatures. The good news is that Kiano is alive and his mother is working to prevent future euthanasia attempts.

**Your donation to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition enables us to continue our work.**

In mid-September a Niagara region man, who had been approved for euthanasia, contacted EPC. He said that he did not want to die by euthanasia but he could not continue to live with his pain. This man has lived with back pain for 18 years and has been unable to get the medical treatment that he needs. We referred him to an organization of people with similar conditions who are willing to advocate for him to receive necessary treatment.

On September 2, a federal judge in California agreed that the conscience rights of doctors who oppose assisted suicide were violated with the passing of Bill SB 380. SB 380, which expanded assisted suicide in California, became law in 2021. Among the expansions, SB 380 required doctors to be complicit with the assisted suicide law. Judge Aenlle-Rocha issued an injunction preventing doctors from being forced to be complicit with the law.

On October 4, the decision came down in the case of *Mortier v Belgium*. Tom Mortier's mother died by euthanasia in Belgium in 2012 for the reason of "untreatable depression." The European Court of Human Rights found that Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights had been violated on the lack of oversight of the law with reference to the fact that the doctor who killed Mortier's mother is also the chair of the euthanasia committee.

Last month I spoke to a meeting of leaders at the European Parliament in Brussels and to a meeting of leaders in Washington, DC. Among other speaking engagements, I have been invited in November to speak to a group of European leaders in Vienna, Austria and at another event at the European Parliament in Brussels. In the past few years euthanasia in Europe has spread beyond the Benelux countries into Spain, Germany and Austria.

Donations are always lower in the summer. If you are able to support us, please do so this month. Our regular and monthly donors enable us to continue our work throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

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