

## ADF, allies: Canadian Supreme Court should again uphold laws against doctor-prescribed death

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The following quote may be attributed to **Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Brett Harvey** regarding the Supreme Court of Canada's decision Thursday to review a [decision](#) by the British Columbia Court of Appeal in *Carter v. Attorney General of Canada* that fully upheld Canada's laws against doctor-prescribed death:

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"Suffering patients need sound medical treatment and real compassion, not encouragement to kill themselves. As the British Columbia Court of Appeal found, the existing Canadian laws against doctor-prescribed death protect all Canadians, including the most vulnerable, such as those who are ill, disabled, or elderly. These laws are widely supported in Parliament, and the Supreme Court of Canada has already upheld them in the past. We trust they will do so again. Alliance Defending Freedom has been privileged to provide funding to help protect these provisions."

The following quote may be attributed to **Alliance Defending Freedom allied attorney Gerald Chipeur, Q.C., of the Canadian firm Miller Thompson LLP**, which represents clients supporting British Columbia's laws:

"The British Columbia Court of Appeal was right to protect vulnerable Canadians from abuse. The overwhelming majority of Canadian physicians want to protect and preserve the life of each one of their patients and believe that intentionally killing patients clearly violates their moral and ethical responsibilities. The Supreme Court of Canada now has the opportunity to put a fine point on its previous support for such laws. The organizations we have represented throughout this case intend to apply to Supreme Court for the ability to continue defending the lives of Canadians who need understanding and help, not encouragement to die."

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