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To our dear friends

We wanted to write and say thank you for the amazing voice, support, and advocacy you have brought to the anti-euthanasia fight. We know your efforts have often come at great personal cost and that the recent result will be one of great sadness and disappointment. The fight, however, is far from over. Importantly, we want you to know that we think the stand you have taken has been courageous and we stand proudly with you.

We assure you not only of our gratitude but also, and vitally, our ongoing support.

While business here in parliament stopped many of us being able to say hello to you all in person, know you were all front and centre in our minds as we debated this terrible legislation in the House.

We know that once the details of the proposed law is understood by the public, they will share our anxiety for New Zealand's most vulnerable. Making those details known must be our focus ahead of the referendum next year.

We will continue to work alongside you and be inspired by your stories, and will now put our energies towards fighting the referendum on the Bill at next year's election. Once again, thank you so much for your courage, friendship, and commitment.

With our best wishes

Simon O'Connor
MP for Tamaki

Simeon Brown
MP for Pakuranga

Paulo Garcia
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Harete Hipango
Member for Whanganui

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MP for North Shore

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