



11th December, 2021.

The Honourable Joe Mizzi,
Honourable members of the Petitions Committee.
(CC The Honourable Anglu Farrugia, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies)
(CC Mr Ray Scicluna)

A large number (57) of civil entities, organizations and individuals (almost 6,819 so far) are all asking Parliament to amend the draft Bill no. 241, and now that so many citizens have signed our petition, we are formally writing to you so that this same petition (number 46) closes on the **12th December at 11.30pm (23.30)**, in accordance with guideline 6.1. We also ask that the Petitions Committee convenes as soon as possible to discuss this petition before the final vote is taken in the Chamber of Deputies, in accordance with guideline 7.1.

We are very concerned that not a single amendment proposed by numerous civil entities was accepted at the second phase of the Parliamentary process.

Diverse social groups, NGOs who have extensive professional experience in the prevention of drug abuse, psychiatrists, pharmacists, doctors, social workers, The Children's Commissioner, President Emeritus Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, and so many other organisations and academics have expressed grave concerns about the negative effects of this law.

Thus, we are asking the Committee to accept our request that the draft Bill is discussed further and duly amended before it is presented for the Third Reading and final vote in Parliament.

We thank you for taking the necessary action.

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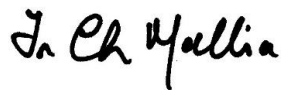
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