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TO: Dr. de Wachter

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Thank you for your letter of December 4 inviting me to contribute. Unfortunately my backlog of unfinished obligations poses a moral imperative that I cannot ignore, and I ask your forbearance, as I must decline.

I do wonder whether formal regulation can make any further contribution to the compassionate needs of the patient.

Sincerely,  
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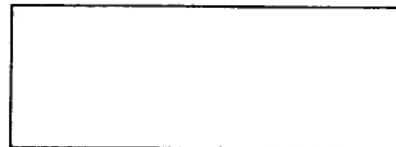
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Please let me add the general caution that enforcement bureaucracies develop a life of their own. The best intentioned schemes for imposing normative values on others' behavior often have unintended, carrying consequences.

Perhaps the publishers will permit you to reprint the enclosed.

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