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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2279

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson and members of the Committee,

I oppose HB 2279, which amends the "Death with Dignity Act" by removing the requirement for being a resident of Oregon to be eligible for doctor assisted suicide.

There appears to be a very obvious disconnect when it is acceptable for assisted suicide and now proposed for destination suicide for out of state residents but there is significant opposition to guns because of the high numbers of people who use them to commit suicide. Our previous Governor also changed sentencing to eliminate the death penalty for criminal that committed capital crimes. This is not logical to be for and against death at the same time. Add to this that now Oregon is paying for out of state residents to come to Oregon for abortions. And finally with the passage of Measure 110, the State has become a destination for drug users because of the decriminalization of hard drugs. None of this is creating a better quality of life in Oregon. Government financial support for these contradictory programs takes away from what is more of a crisis to Oregon such as education, wildfire and homelessness.

We don't need to add to our problems in Oregon by attracting problems for out of state residents. I urge you to oppose HB 2279.

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