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This is a bill that is very important to me to OPPOSE. I have never written a testimony to the Oregon Legislature until now. Personally I was a caregiver for my husband who died of a terminal disease. He listened to fellow patients life altering decisions who also had the same disease, and indeed it was presented to him as an option. I am very glad that he chose life as he continued to face his disease with courage for 3 years. That decision for life impacted for good the lives of people who loved and cared for him. His life had consequence and meaning. Shortening the time to make such a consequential decision as well as have it prescribed by someone other than a medical doctor, will force the decision for those who need affirmation of life rather than more despair.

More resources should be given to hospices to make the death and dying process one of peace and comfort. Oregon is turning into a culture of quick and easy death and that is disturbing to me as a resident. It should make all Oregon residents feel queasy, uneasy, and disturbed when considering all the ramifications of this bill.