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Dear Committee Chairpeople:

Hello! When the first Assisted Suicide Bill was proposed, I was a very outspoken opponent and did testify publicly against it in a hearing. Sadly, it passed. Since it was implemented, I have sat on the beds of both my parents as they "graduated" to heaven from home. Their passings were peaceful, and they were surrounded with family members and their favorite music playing as they breathed their last breaths. Their pain had been properly medicated by their hospice caretakers, and both were NOT in agony or writhing in pain during their last weeks. We had been counseled on what to expect from hospice, and what to do once they had transitioned. Of course it is sad to lose a loved one, but we had zero regrets for going the route of hospice when their health greatly deteriorated. The Lord God has determined the beginning and ending days of our lives according to Scripture in the Bible, (Psalm 139:16) and who are we to play God and decide that we want to choose the end date of our life?! Life is a precious gift, and I can't recommend hospice enough for making death peaceful with the loved one not in pain as their body shuts down naturally.

SB1003 removes a lot of the safeguards that have been in place for assisted suicide, and I strongly oppose the reduction of the waiting period to 48 hours! Who in a moment of desperation hasn't made a rash decision that they later regret? 48 hours is not enough waiting time for such a literal life or death decision like this! Someone contemplating this SHOULD be meeting with a licensed physician to see if there are other alternatives for pain management, quality of life etc. Prescribing the lethal drug shouldn't be in the hands of just anybody! And forcing hospices to advertise whether they facilitate suicide or not is just totally against what they stand for! It's already shameful to live in a state that allows the killing of pre-born babies up until birth and doesn't promote and make it easier for adoption (I am an adoptee), and that also allows assisted suicide. Life is NOT valued in Oregon, and please don't make suicide "easier" with the passage of this bill!

Respectfully,  
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