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Our family, with broken hearts, completely oppose this bill. There should be no assisted suicide and a two-day waiting period is nearly murder. Fifteen days is, also, unacceptable.

A member of our family miraculously survived a serious stroke and had made so many improvements, but he was not able to get the counsel, and help he needed and was on a medication that can lead to depression. He was able to arrange assisted suicide. We did not know of his plan. He is dead and we are all beyond heartsick. He still had purpose and potential and was loved so very much. Oregon law and those who voted for it and accepted it are responsible for our brother's death.

There are other ways to deal with such hard circumstances. There is no reason that Oregon should continue to be known as the "death state".

How we regard life and lack protection for the innocent whether they be pre-born, newborn, young, injured, disabled, or old is beyond comprehension.

No matter what this bill must NOT be allowed to pass.