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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm a Registered Nurse and have been for 35 years. I worked 3 years as a Hospice Nurse in a small rural Eastern Oregon town. During that time, I had two Terminally ill male patients that elected to do the assisted suicide, "Death with Dignity"

It was a traumatic experience that I have had to live with. If I knew then what I know today I would never have assisted. I tear up recalling the experience.

Working as a Hospice Nurse it was my honor to support patients and family throughout the death and dying process. However, I found no honor in assisting a patient to end their life.

I believe in the Hospice programs. I believe Hospice is allowing patients to die with dignity. They are kept comfortable and supported with a team of professionals.

Assisted suicide is not death with dignity and for those who assist may have to live with the aftermath of feeling as if they committed murder,

Patients with terminal illnesses will pass in God's time. Thank you.