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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

To the Committee:

I am staunchly opposed to this terrible bill. When my mother's health was failing, a nurse approached me and strongly pressured me to consider ending my mother's life. This was entirely outrageous! Yet, SB 1003 would have allowed that nurse (and other medical personnel without an M.D. behind their names) to make life-or-death decisions about other families' loved ones. "Death with Dignity" is actually a euphemism for "Murder," and it's a very slippery slope. At some point, "right to die" becomes "duty to die." That is precisely what my mother's nurse was suggesting. It's happening already in Canada and U.K., where medical professionals take it upon themselves to kill patients who are lingering and even those who are healthy but depressed. Do we really want Oregon to become known as "the Death State"? Please don't release this bill from the committee. Life is too precious to end it prematurely.

Thank you.