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I oppose SB 1003 as it further gives doctors a power that they should have never been given. It also expands this power to other healthcare providers and shortens the time required to make this monumental decision. Anyone considering ending their life needs support and help to realize that every life has value even when faced with immense suffering. Doctors take an oath to "do no harm" and other healthcare providers go into their careers with the same mindset. We should be empowering these providers with more tools to help, not harm those struggling and suffering. Removing waiting periods and opening it up to residents of other states is not the answer. Expanding an already very controversial and dangerous Oregon law is not wise.