

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

My opposition to SB1003 is based on the following concerns:

A two day waiting period encourages reflex decision making on a momentous matter without enough time for reflection, let alone consultation with others or even time to adequately assess a situation.

Having a hospice facility advertise that it facilitates assisted suicide puts pressure on the individual patients to opt what will be seen as the easier path for the facility—a quick assisted suicide—rather than the indefinite time and cost of care envisioned by hospice.

Allowing non-physicians to prescribe lethal medication has to be a patently dangerous idea.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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