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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

I urge you to vote against SB 1003. Studies have shown that well over 90% of people who get drug prescriptions for physician-assisted suicide never use them, and most of them live for years afterward. Having a longer waiting period can ensure that those struggling with depression are able to get the help they need to overcome the depression and see the value in their lives and relationships. It also gives time for second opinions and alternative treatments than that of their first diagnosis. I know several people who have been given little hope for their stage 4 cancer and are living proof that miracles happen, sometimes by the hand of doctors and sometimes by the hand of God. I know none of these people I know would say that they wished they'd terminated their lives after hearing the first diagnosis! Compassion and valuation of life necessitates that people should have time to think about the consequences of life-altering actions. Please vote NO! Thank you.