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I strongly oppose SB 1003, the death on demand assisted suicide Bill. This is a dangerous bill that doesn't take into consideration the mental status / frame-of-mind of the person. Numerous studies have shown that often, people who want to take their own lives are depressed and not being monitored by medical staff. If a person has clinical depression that goes untreated, they are not thinking rationally and are in the depths of despair. Medication and counseling can shed a sense of hope in these people's lives. And everyone deserves to have hope and happiness in their lives, which can be provided by relationships with other caring people.