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Greetings from your constituent in St. Helens, Oregon

I work with elderly at a local Brookdale assisted living, making a difference in the lives of some 50 residents who rely on care for every stage of joy, wonder, experience, worry, sorrow, suffering or pain. To be with them and accompany them is a sacred trust, one that not only they rely on, but the greater community, their loved ones, and even civic and religious circles. It is a truth I hold to every moment I give to them, in care and trust. These residents know by the care and attention they receive, both encompassing physical / emotional and spiritual, that they have an inalienable worth and dignity. This is unconditional, and toward every end, unshakable. We must count on the premise that care is simply that, care, and cannot involve doing harm (even if in passing, one considers giving up) or allow harm to come to another (much less perpetrating it through the governance of bad law), even if it comes at a time of bitter pain. We should never submit to failure in faithfully accompanying one who has lost hope. It is a violation of their truest freedom to sell-out the dignity and liberty of life for anyone at any period of life. Especially when their health and well-being is most compromised.

In trust of integrity,  
Gretchen Robinson