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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

Please vote NO on SB 1003.

Imagine you're standing on one of Oregon's many tall and beautiful bridges, admiring the beauty of the view. Far below, the rippling water reflects the bright blue sky. The water laps against the rocks. The wind softly blows your hair. You breathe in the crisp Oregon air and feel refreshed. Out of the corner of your eye, you see a distressed-looking woman standing too close to the edge of the bridge. You quickly go over and talk to her to see if she's okay. It's your instinct. She tells you that she's been diagnosed with a degenerative disease and she's out of money for treatments. She doesn't want to live any longer. She takes a step closer to the edge of the bridge and asks that you push her. She asked you, so you push her off the bridge. She hits the water and dies instantly. No pain. No more degenerative disease. No more piling medical bills. You helped her choose death, her way.

Senators, please take a moment to really sit and think about this. No matter how heartbreaking her reasons, there is not a world in which you would push that woman off a bridge. Yet, there is also no meaningful or moral difference between pushing her off that bridge or voting for her assisted suicide.

Please say no to the expansion of deadly assisted suicide. Please vote NO on SB 1003.