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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

Senators,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill SB 1003. I am a certified teacher in Oregon and have taught over 5000 students in my career in Oregon and I have also taught many in Colorado and Washington. During our last school year, 2024 through 2025, two members of our department lost young sons to suicide. Suicide is the leading cause of death or second leading cause of death in many states for young men. How can we build a culture of hope for our young men when we are trying to make suicide easier? Building hope and preventing suicide among young men are diametrically opposed to making suicide easier for others. Your bill does not make sense.

God Bless All of You,

William C. Diss