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TO: Chair Rep. Pham, Co-Chair Lewis, Graybar & Members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary

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SUBJECT: Argument Against HB 2538

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept my written testimony against HB2538. The bill needs several amendments and clarification. The verbiage in **Section 2** mandates Physicians and Physicians Associates (PA) shall take at least 2 hours every 6 years of continuing education regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment, and management as described in ORS 678.860 (**line 8**) that includes ***lethal means*** counseling as defined by the board. Lines 5 and 8 and need clarification.
2. On line 5 who makes up the board and makes the rules?
3. On line 8 what constitutes ***lethal means***? Is *lethal means* assisted suicide? If ***lethal means*** is assisted suicide, then there needs to be a religious exemption for Physicians and PA's on line 8. Many faiths prohibit suicide. Line 8 has the appearance of assisted suicide not suicide prevention.

Thank you,
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