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SB1003

Senate Bill 1003 would expand assisted suicide here in Oregon by cutting the 15-day waiting period in half; removing language specifying that a physician has to be involved in consulting for or prescribing lethal medication; and forcing health care facilities to promote the availability of assisted suicide in writing to every patient prior to their admission, making it easier to funnel patients toward suicide. Without a doubt, this radical bill would lead to stark increases in the rates of assisted suicide deaths, and produce a callous system of death on demand.

Real love, care, and support is hard work, not a quick fix—but it's worth it! I urge you not to send the message that those who are a "burden," or who are elderly, disabled, or medically complex, are worthy of life in Oregon. This mentality places people with disabilities and mental illnesses at increased risk in our communities. Don't further the lie that offering death is a "solution."

This bill is neither compassionate nor dignified. Please, give this legislation the unmarked grave it deserves!