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As a man in his late 70's I would like to express my opposition to any weakening of the safeguards to the assisted suicide policies and law of Oregon. People, as we age, deserve, as do all people of all ages, respect. In some cases seniors need care. Offering assisted suicide is not care, it is the reverse of care. I oppose physician assisted suicide in principle and for practical reasons, not the least of which is the vulnerability of the elderly, i.e. there are those few who see the elderly as an unnecessary burden. So, naturally, I am opposed to weakening the safeguards. Inadequate as they are, they are at least somewhat of a guardrail to prevent some of the worst abuses that could occur. I urge all Oregon senators to vote no on SB 1003.