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Every life is valuable and precious.

Making it easier and easier to end is not the answer.

When someone is facing challenges - physical, emotional or mental - they need help from someone who truly cares and has that individual's best interest as their focus.

That someone should, ideally, have the professional training needed to provide counseling or medical care for individuals in such trying circumstances, not someone who can just write a prescription for a life-ending drug to "put someone out of their misery" or do the seemingly "merciful" thing - especially in just a matter of days.

I have known someone who experienced chronic pain for many years. They lived every day on pain management medication, finally passing away following a seizure.

Was every day great? No. Would they have traded it for a quick end? No.

It is tragic enough that Oregon was the first state to make assisted suicide legal.

Please do not make things even worse by making it easier to throw away this gift we call life.

Thank you.