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SB1003

Dear Senators,

I just lost my husband to prostate cancer a year ago. It was not an easy road, but I want to praise the Redmond Hospice for their continued care and support they gave, day and night. I can't imagine the guilt I and my family would be feeling now if he would have taken his own life much less the message we would have sent to the younger members of our family. Instead of being a time of taking a life he spent it surrounded by those he loved and those who loved him in a peaceful passing. Our son and grandsons had the privilege of caring for him and as an act of love. They will never forget that time, it was a precious time. Death can be hard, but so is giving birth. Suicide is not dying with dignity, it is robbing everyone of the last few days and moments of life that can be some of the most precious memories and acts of love. Please do not consider passing this bill. There are already too many suicides and killings. Our young people need to get a message of life and hope. This bill is a bill of hopelessness, not dignity. Thank you.