

Oregon Legislature

SB 1003

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that the Oregon Legislature is considering a change in the *Death with Dignity Act*. If passed, because of Oregon's removal of its residency requirement in 2022, this law would affect **vulnerable patients nationwide** and further normalize suicide as a "solution" to potential suffering. Suicide has never been a solution to potential suffering. Life is too precious and especially when there are options for mental and physical health that need to be addressed for the patient. One cannot exist without hope. Hope is not a commodity or feeling merely within oneself. It arises from the community we are a part and our beliefs.

I urge Oregon State Legislatures to vote NO on SB 1003.

Respectively,

Howard Williams