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I strongly oppose SB 1003 because it dangerously expands assisted suicide laws in ways that threaten the safety, dignity, and well-being of vulnerable patients.

First, replacing physicians with vague “prescribing providers” weakens critical medical oversight. This opens the door to less qualified individuals guiding patients toward life-ending decisions — decisions that should demand the highest standard of care and ethical responsibility.

Second, requiring healthcare facilities to advertise assisted suicide before a patient is even admitted normalizes death as a solution. This shifts the focus away from compassionate care and healing, and toward ending life — especially for those who are elderly, disabled, or depressed and may already feel like a burden.

Lastly, reducing the waiting period from 15 days to as little as 48 hours is reckless. It strips patients of the time they need to process, reflect, and possibly change their mind. In moments of despair or grief, this bill accelerates a final decision with no room for recovery, support, or hope.

SB 1003 doesn’t protect choice — it pressures vulnerable people into silence and death. We must stand for real dignity: care, not killing.