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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

Honorable Senators:

I am VERY opposed to Senate Bill 1003 which greatly reduces the "guard rails" that have, in the past, prevented persons from committing suicide when they were very depressed or feeling hopeless. Those dear people need our HELP.....not a suicide pill! They need counseling and better health care that will help them get THROUGH their current crisis. We should have a system in Oregon that supports people who have terminal diseases or diagnoses that will not "get better." That system could be set up much like Hospice care where trained individuals go TO the person in crisis and help them during their moments of deep despair. Often, just talking to someone will help a person change their mind from death to life. if you vote "yes" on this tragic Bill you will be directly responsible for the suicide of any person who utilizes the shortened "wait" period in this terrible law. PLEASE vote NO on SB 1003 and let's HELP people in despair, not help them to "drown" like so many unwanted kittens.

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