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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

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SB1003

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding SB 1003. As a family physician in Michigan, I have dedicated my career to caring for patients of all ages. Over the years, I have grown increasingly troubled by the concept of physician-assisted suicide (or MAID), which I believe contradicts the very essence of my role as a physician and my values as a person of faith.

Our duty is not to facilitate death but to preserve life and ensure patients experience dignity in their final days. The principle of autonomy is deeply flawed in this context, as we have seen troubling cases—such as those in the Netherlands—where coercion by medical professionals or family members influences patients' decisions. This is not genuine choice; it is pressure masked as autonomy.

At its core, our profound responsibility is to alleviate suffering, not hasten death. SB 1003 moves us in the wrong direction, and I strongly urge you to vote against this measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dr. Lieuwen