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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1003

I urge you to vote against SB 1003 for two reasons:

- 1) When people are seriously ill, in prolonged pain, deep depression, or worried their care will financially harm their family, they are likely to make decisions rashly that they would reverse if given more time to consider, or appropriate physical, psychological, or emotional care were provided. I am deeply concerned that halving the amount of time required before allowing a person to proceed with an assisted suicide will make such rash decisions more common and, of course, irreversible.
- 2) Allowing individuals other than medical doctors to approve suicide requests opens a dangerous door. People with motives other than the individual's best interest or who are apt to assume responsibility for deciding whether a suffering individual's life is worth preserving may be quick to approve a rashly made assisted suicide request without doing appropriate probing as to the reasons and whether any sort of pain management, psychological counselling, or family support might be brought to bear.