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As a physician, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill SB 1003, which proposes physician-assisted legislation. Our primary objective should be to prevent suicide, not to assist it. Such legislation poses a significant risk to vulnerable individuals during emotionally overwhelming moments, particularly those facing terminal diagnoses.

To illustrate this point, consider the case of Stephen Hawking. Despite receiving a terminal diagnosis in his early twenties, Hawking endured immense challenges, including being confined to a wheelchair, reliant on a feeding tube, and requiring constant care. Despite these obstacles, he made groundbreaking contributions to the field of physics, benefiting humanity profoundly.

Another notable example is Steve Jobs, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Despite this setback, Jobs went on to make remarkable technological innovations that have had a lasting impact on humanity.

if they have been off for physician assisted suicide at the time of diagnosis, they may have taken it and the prior humanity of the great contributions to improving humanity. I implore you to consider my request rationally and vote against Bill SB 1003 Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your service as a lawmaker in the state.

Sincerely,
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