

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1003

Dear Senators,

As a health care provider, I am opposed to SB 1993 for several reasons:

1. Ultimately, it will provide for a 2-tiered medical system where the disabled are offered suicide and the non-disabled suicide prevention.
2. The shorting of the waiting period makes it more likely for patients to feel pressured into suicide and less likely to think through the gravity of their choice and make appropriate decisions in preparing for the end of their lives.
3. Forcing facilities to advertise suicide would force facilities which are dedicated to help people throughout their natural lives to break their oaths, like the Hippocratic oath, and likely cause them irreparable harm.
4. Decreasing the qualifications of those who would prescribe lethal medicines makes abuse of these drugs even more likely.

Please consider these things and vote against this bill by protecting citizens of Oregon and the nation.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Herman, MD