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I oppose expansion of physician assisted suicide in Oregon. I have seen and heard the testimonies of traumatized patients and healthcare workers due to pressure from the PAS team to recruit patients for physician assisted suicide even in regular hospital wards (not initiated request by the patient but strong suggestions to participate in PAS) and even into the emergency room settings.

More healthcare worker who do not appreciate this invasive pressuring and coerced involvement will be resigning from their jobs. Currently the loss/attrition within the healthcare providers will only increase the stress and exit of more compassionate healthcare providers who want better respect of right of conscience.

I strongly oppose this bill to expand physician assisted suicide. Dr. Witmer, M.D.