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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

Dear Legislator,

Please vote NO on SB 1003. Please oppose further expansion of assisted suicide.

Please consider:

- the poor, the disabled, the marginalized and the elderly who would be exposed to grave and lethal new risks of fraud, abuse, and coercion
- those who are suffering from untreated, but treatable, depression or badly managed, but manageable, pain
- the aged, who would be at increased risk of a lethal form of elder abuse
- the financially disadvantaged, whose insurers might weigh the low costs of assisted suicide against more expensive palliative treatments
- the disabled, who are terrified about the subtle coercion that would be brought to bear by others who consider their lives not worth living
- countries like the Netherlands and Belgium, where assisted suicide quickly gave way to euthanasia, first voluntary, then non-voluntary, in the name of false autonomy and compassion.

Please vote NO on SB 1003.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Tony Lauinger