



This Testimony to the 83rd OREGON Legislative Assembly is respectfully submitted May 30 ,2025 is on behalf of the nationwide Association of American Physicians and Surgeons – in strong opposition to OREGON SB 1003 by Dr. James Kelly- physician and psychiatrist for 39 years.

The **American Medical Association’s - AMA code of medical ethics** specifically states **“Physician- assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer ...Instead of engaging in assisted suicide physicians must aggressively respond to the needs of the patient “.**

Many nice sounding emotional euphemisms are being used to convince you that assisted suicide / self -murder (e.g. the killing of unhappy people) is a good thing and the current safeguards should be diluted. Which is the first step to further elimination of safeguards.

SB 1003 eliminates the necessity for the patient to be evaluated by a **real physician** -by replacing the word physician with **practitioner**. This is due in part because very **few** physicians actually want to assist in the killing of people .

Actually, this bill is about **WEAPONIZING PHYSICIANS and NURSES and “practitioners” AGAINST VULNERABLE PATIENTS.**

SB 1003 legitimizes expanding the killing people, and abandoning the physicians’ Hippocratic oath and medical ethics that prohibits abusing, harming or killing patients. Caring physicians value the lives of their patients and do not want to participate in the premeditated killing/self-murder/assisted suicide of patients should not even to be required to refer a patient to a **“Death Doctor” to a “DEATH PRATIONER”**

SB 1003 is NOT about providing compassionate care or autonomy. With all of the governmental, veterans, public and private efforts to prevent suicide- Last year there were about 50,000 suicides in America -that means about every 11 seconds someone used their “autonomy “to kill themselves.

The “autonomy “, options, means, methods, time and place of suicide have always been available and are under the control of each individual. Research has proven that **most people seeking legal assisted suicide (self-murder)-do so NOT due to terminal illnesses**, or unbearable pain BUT for emotional, social and **financial** reasons such as depression, feeling unloved, unwanted or a **burden**. People want to live -until they become depressed, feel unloved and a **burden** to their family.

Physician assisted suicide (PAS) has rapidly become the **fifth most common cause of death in Canada**. Canadians were told, only a couple years ago, that physician assisted suicide (PAS) would be the rare exception and only for the terminally ill and of course that was a strategic lie to get physician assisted suicide legalized-as it rapidly escalated and continues to escalate with the unstated plan to **include teenagers with anorexia and depression**.

Research has shown that suicide tends to be “contagious” and that children of parents who suicide have a **300% increase of suicide**. So, suicides increase in states after legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

Promoters of assisted suicide falsely claim that all people suffering from depression or any mental illness will be referred to a “mental health care provider” for a “mental health counseling or assessment”. But actually only **1%-3%** of patients in **Oregon** get any mental health assessment-and **if** ever done are usually **NOT** assessed by experts.

Proponents of this bill claim that this bill provides plenty of adequate safeguards-but **hypothetical safeguards** are only “smokescreens “ .

SB 1003 will be reinterpreted, challenged in court, changed and eliminated and will be at best only briefly and temporary.

In every country that has euthanasia - it was started by legalizing assisted suicide first. This bill will be the first step to **euthanasia in Oregon**.

Oregon **outlawed** the **death penalty** for violent murders-as cruel and inhumane. SB 1003 expands, legitimizes and permanently reestablishes the **death penalty for law abiding citizens**, by authorizing the use of the **same deadly cruel and inhumane drugs used for the death penalty**. The incarcerated are vulnerable. They have less choices and control over their healthcare.

This bill replaces helpful treatments with **DEATH**. The net result will be new Oregon -based **for-profit** - government- approved **suicide industries**. It will legitimize denying care to people and encouraging suicides to save money and increase profits.

DEATH is cheaper and more profitable than medical treatment.

SB 1003 incentivizes and makes it much more profitable for insurance companies and doctors and practitioners to become merchants of death instead of healers. SB1003 will be used to deny care to the vulnerable.

SB 1003 will irreparably and will permanently damage the doctor-patient relationship and all medical care in Oregon. And the people of Oregon will no longer be able to trust their healthcare providers.

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons respectfully requests – DO NOT expand assisted self-murder or the aiding of patients with self-murder. DO NOT give doctors, nurses or “providers” or the healthcare industrial complex your approval to prescribe deadly poisons.

Please **DO NOT WEAPONIZE** physicians, nurses , practitioners insurance carriers and the entire healthcare industry - **AGAINST PATIENTS** .

Please vote **NO** on SB 1003 .