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The numbers being published about depressed individuals in Oregon are sobering and make any expansion of assisted suicide extremely problematic. This is especially true with younger people. Given the fact that Oregon is almost at the bottom of the 50 states in mental health care, expanding suicide as a response is chilling. It does not take a leap of imagination to envision "death" becoming the prescription for these unfortunate individuals, rather than effective mental health care, which is currently happening in Canada and certain countries in Europe. Being The Death State is not a label that Oregonians will be proud of!