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The highest purpose of government is to ensure life for its citizens, not to promote or facilitate death. Death is inevitable, but life, secure, meaningful, satisfying life takes effort. Government ought to help provide the environment and organize the resources that build a good life, and mediate the perils that impede such. The SB 1003 suggests life is not worth the effort, that giving into despair is a worthy endeavor, that neighbors and communities need not pool resources or combine their creative efforts to ameliorate the hardships and isolation that incentivize death. In short, the proposed bill works against strong, healthy communities in favor of despair and avoidance. It sends the message that human beings outlive their value (as if that can be commodified) and should dispose of themselves so as not to burden the body politic.

This is the best we can come up with? Promoting this is the right use of public revenue? This is the hope we hold out to our children and grandchildren?

This bill is a disgrace to everything we say our state government stands for. It's a blasphemy to the innate dignity of all human beings. People will and do help one another when helping is the only recourse. That is the history of our civilization. Indulging desperation and permitting self-destruction damages us all.

I urge you to bury this bill unequivocally that all our citizens, especially the elderly, disabled, and mentally troubled may live and die naturally.