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This is a plea to all involved in the consideration of passing SB 1003. Please do not pass this bill!!! There is no need to change the "Death with Dignity" bill that is already in existence, unless it is to make changes that will make sure that there are no abuses of what this law was intended for. Expanding who can administer death and shortening the days in half for consideration of the consequences is very dangerous and opens up major abuse issues of those who are put in situations of trauma over a horrible medical diagnosis. Dealing with the diagnosis itself and then being directed to facilities that promote death shows no compassion for the human life that is so sacred. The emotional turmoil involved in these crisis situations needs to be honored with at least the original 15 days. In traumatic situations we are counseled to take time to think thru and evaluate the importance of life decisions. To step back from our traumatized emotions of hard medical diagnosis so that we can see possible solutions of hope. Instead, SB 1003 language is tragically bent towards encouraging life ending options. I am hoping that compassion and clarity will prevail in your hearts and minds to not pass SB 1003. Whenever I make a decision I think of the impact in my family and the future. I have seen miracles of recovery and I know that if you were in a position of having SB1003 applied to yourself and your loved ones that you would not allow this bill to be passed. There is hope of time spent with loved ones and reconciliation and forgiveness and cherished memories that are made in peoples lives despite life's tragic challenges. Don't vote to take time from someone's life. Our time on this earth is sacred and we all make a difference.

With sincere prayers for life to be kept sacred and effort to be made for time with families instead of shortened life and ease of death,

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