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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1003

I am strongly against SB 1003 and urge the committee to not support the expansion of the Oregon Death With Dignity Act. Expanding access to DWD puts at risk our friends and family members who struggle with depression, disability, and chronic illness. Please hear this! We do not solve anything by offering death as an option. Our state government should be putting effort and attention on solutions to the obstacles faced by our citizens who turn to suicide, not widening the door yet again. Oregonians were promised safe-guards when PAS was first introduced. Since then those safe-guards are seen as "in the way" and the push is on to expand. It is time to draw the line and stop this! Our government should be protecting our citizens, not supporting ways for them to die when they are up against the wall.