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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1003

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1003 due to profound ethical concerns about its implications for Oregonians. This legislation risks sending a dangerous message that some lives are less valuable based on medical diagnoses, undermining the dignity and worth of every individual.

We must oppose policies that lead individuals to believe their lives are less valuable. Rather than broadening access to assisted suicide, we should prioritize robust support systems and focus on a healthcare framework that affirms the worth of every person. SB 1003 neglects these ethical priorities, risking undue pressure on vulnerable people to make irreversible choices while ignoring critical gaps in care. Furthermore, the lack of transparent public engagement in this bill's development raises ethical questions about fairness and accountability.

I urge the committee to reject SB 1003 and invest in compassionate, life-affirming solutions that uphold the dignity of all Oregonians. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shannon Garlitz