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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1003

Dear Rules Committee,

This bill is dangerous because it increases the 'providers' of healthcare to include nurse practitioners, physician assistants, prescribing providers and consulting providers, all who may not have had a long relationship with the patient.

It promotes assisted suicide by requiring healthcare facilities to inform patients that assisted suicide is available prior to admission and that this information be displayed in their facilities and on/linked to their website.

It decreases the 15 day 'waiting' period to 7 days and, if healthcare providers certify that death is expected 'imminently,' allows lethal drugs to be given within 48hrs.

It is my experience, as a physician, that patients 'choose' hospice, then reverse their decision frequently after 48hrs.

Please do not approve this proposed legislation.

Thank you,

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