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I have been a physician in good standing in Eugene for 34 years. I volunteer at the local indigent care clinic and am the medical director of a clinic that serves the underprivileged. I am Vice President of a national medical organization with over 13,000 healthcare professionals. I have been flooded with emails asking that Oregon not become the destination for PAS (physician-assisted suicide). Like Field of Dreams, if you will build it they will come. This will be devastating for my community and for Oregon. It is a privilege to be a colleague of Dr. Paul Kaplan and a friend of honorable Senator Prozanski. I have known them for decades. Yet I completely disagree with them on what is good medical care. I have concern for the vulnerable, the disabled, those that are dependent on others, those with mental health issues, and those that have lost purpose. Our role in medicine is to provide care for these. I am concerned about shortening the time for PAS. We are not accurate in predicting the time of death. Patients frequently change their minds. I have received many thanks from patients over the years for being patient with them as they decided their care. This is going to further harm the doctor-patient relationship. Please do not let this Bill come out of committee. There is overwhelming opposition from the medical community. There certainly was not an adequate amount of time within the public forum for discussion on such an impactful Bill.