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On Behalf Of:	
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I strongly oppose SB 1003, a radical and dangerous expansion of Oregon's assisted suicide laws. This is not about dignity — it's about death on demand.

I speak not only from principle, but from painful personal experience. Over a decade ago, a dear friend of mine ended her life through lethal injection. She was struggling with chronic pain and life's pressures — and her death happened on my birthday. Every year since, I mourn her loss and carry the weight of knowing that, had she received support instead of a deadly option, she might still be here today.

We should be strengthening mental health care and palliative support, not making it easier for people to die. It is not compassionate to give up on people when they are at their most vulnerable.

I stand with Oregon's medically fragile and mentally distressed, and with the countless families affected by suicide. Physicians are trained to heal, not to kill. No law should allow or encourage doctors to end lives.

Please reject SB 1003. Life is precious. Let's protect it — not streamline its end.

Respectfully, Natalia Sakun DDS