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

Hello,

I do not reside in Oregon but am writing in opposition of SB 1003 since Oregon's Death With Dignity Act applies to non residents.

Human life is a precious gift from God. People are not entitled to take a life, be it one's own or someone else's, even if ending a life is somehow (erroneously) construed by the participants to be an act of compassion or of the preservation of dignity. Any effort to make assisted suicide more easily or quickly accessible should be opposed. I therefore urge you to oppose SB 1003.

The civility of a society can be accurately gauged by how it treats its most vulnerable members. Dangling the option of such a desperate escape method as suicide before someone at likely one of the most vulnerable points in his/her life--when facing terminal illness--is reckless and not truly compassionate. In contrast, efforts to help the patient and his/her loved ones through the crisis with counseling, palliative care, and generous comprehensive financial assistance to cover any associated costs are much more positive, nurturing, and humane.

To willfully extinguish a human life, even one's own, is gravely disordered. We would do well to seek always to preserve and promote human life, not try to convince ourselves that taking life is sometimes acceptable.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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