

Dear Honorable members of the House Health Care Committee,

My father recently passed away as a result of congestive heart failure complicated by dementia symptoms. It causes me grave concern to think that if my father had been subject to HB 4135, his advance directive could have been ignored and his health care representative could have withheld nutrition and water to hasten his death.

Currently, Oregon's advance directive allows me choices as far as what kind of care I want at the end of my life. HB 4135 endangers my choices by removing the advance directive from statute. Please protect my healthcare choices by voting no on HB 4135.

Sincerely,

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