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Dear Committee Members voting on HB 4135,

Please know that my wife and I do respect and pray for those in authority. Incredible responsibility regarding the protection of life is first of all a God given responsibility.

I am a contributing member of Oregon Right to Life (ORTL), but my humble request comes from deep personal convictions that preceded years before even an awareness of the good work ORTL is involved in.

My wife and I were greatly appalled that such legislation as was attempted in Oregon last fall, and now with this new HB4135 before you, we could not remain silent.

We've had the care of people with dementia related illnesses. We've been at the bedside of those in various facilities where loving care has been provided. Let us say this, if you believe human beings are created as body, soul and spirit, then your bill is deficient as it seems to us that your attention is only on the body and maybe the soul. We believe that man and woman have a spiritual part and if that has been cultivated through life, it is not uncommon that even in the last days and even hours of a person's life that they may vocalize a familiar song, verse of Scripture, or poetry that is long engrained into the person. I was at the bedside of a dear friend late last fall who was in a similar situation. So glad he had hospice care in a loving facility.

I ask you as individuals to examine your motives about this HB 4135.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul and Beryl Metko