

To My Oregon Legislature, HHC:

One purpose of an advance directive is to protect my right to decide what my end of life care looks like, not to have it changed by a medical person or family member. House Bill 4135 does not afford that protection, including my right to have basic food and water provided even if I have Alzheimers. Protecting the most vulnerable is the duty of the law, and that includes people who no longer can speak for themselves, especially if they have spoken. As our law is now, we still have the power of an advance directive which has been changed in this proposed house bill. I urge you NOT TO PASS House Bill 4135, which is not carefully written to protect people, our citizens, myself included, and indeed each one of you public servants in the legislature. I don't want someone else making a decision for me or overriding my will when I can no longer speak for myself.

Sincerely,

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