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Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: SB 128: The Financial Impact is Potentially “Enormous.”  
Hearing: May 11, 2015

Dear Senator Lara and Members of the Committee:

SB 128 seeks to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

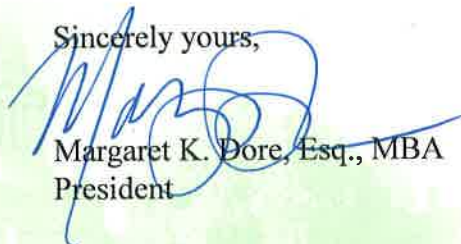
In Oregon, which has had a similar law since 1997, legalization is statistically correlated with an increase in other suicides. This increase is consistent with a suicide contagion in which the legalization of one type of suicide (physician-assisted) has led to an increase in other (conventional) suicides. Moreover, the financial cost is “enormous.” A government report from Oregon states:

In 2010 alone, self-inflicted injury hospitalization charges exceeded 41 million dollars.

Enclosed please find a short memo with backup documentation, regarding this situation and the potentially enormous financial impact of SB 128 on California.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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President

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