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WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) today responded to a 6-3 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law. Following is DeFazio's statement:

"Today is a great day for Oregonians," said DeFazio. I'm pleased that the Supreme Court voted to uphold our state's Death With Dignity Act, a law that Oregonians approved twice at the polls. This will finally bring to an end to repeated attempts by the Bush administration to overturn the will of Oregon voters, infringe upon the rights of states, intrude into the difficult decisions made between patients and their doctors, and set back pain-management decades."