



First and foremost I want to thank everyone who is a part of this process, and for taking the time to hear from the author, and the public.

When I first heard Amanda's story, it broke my heart. It should break the heart of anyone who has taken the time to truly listen, because her story, and the story of her children, is one of objective tragedy.

Her children's lives shouldn't have to be political for any of you to care, and her ferocious strength through this traumatizing experience is unbelievable. This is your chance to do the right thing. This is your chance to confirm what this lamenting mother knows to be fact: her children's lives are valuable.

There will never be another Emery and Elliot, but you have the power in your hands right now to ensure that no child faces a tragic death as they did. You have the influence to demonstrate what our medical system is meant to do - save lives.

Healthcare providers are meant to restore what was lost, build trust, and create a future that people are able to live out in health. What happened to Ms. Finnefrock was the exact opposite. These people who were meant to be health care providers, took the single most valuable thing from this mother, her children.

So today you have a choice. You have the choice to validate the authentic and justified experiences of every mother who has ever looked at their child as they have died, or you have the choice to discredit and dehumanize these children and their lives in order to uphold the existing broken standard.

So what will you choose, Life or death?

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