

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 73

Specific Issue: Support Health Care Provider Protection Act

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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Government ~~was~~ influenced physician behavior and my father died in 2021. Please let doctors be doctors.

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Dear Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee,

Thank You for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 73; the Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.

My father died because of government overreach into healthcare.

My husband and I had been the daily caregivers and POA for my elderly father (Hugh C Kent). In August of 2021 Hugh fell down several times in one day: once while climbing the stairs, second while taking out the trash and the third while closing the side door. As a result of these falls, we changed his visit from his trusted Medical doctor, Dr. Bhimani, to the ED due to cardiac concerns. When he was admitted he was evaluated and thoroughly imaged it was clarified his only injuries were a few abrasions and a broken nose. The heart monitor demonstrated a weak heart rate and recommended he be sent for cardiac evaluation and consideration for a **pacemaker**. But incidentally he was tested for Covid-19, for which he 'tested positive.' There were NO signs nor symptoms that substantiated this diagnosis. As a result of this incidental finding, he was not allowed to be admitted to Lutheran Hospital (CCF) because of their 'no covid' policy.

He was then going to be transferred to another Cleveland Clinic facility that admitted patients with an incidental covid diagnosis. I was under the impression that covid with no symptoms did not require medication nor hospitalization. So, when he was transferred to a hospital with an available bed he would be going to cardiology. We discussed that his current cardiac and psyche meds would be continued while cardiology evaluated him. I had to leave him that day, **AND FOR THAT I WILL FOREVER BE SORRY.** Because we were denied any informed consent regarding his care.

Later that evening when I tried to call throughout the Cleveland Clinic system to find to which hospital my father had been transferred. They assured me that once he was in a room, they would notify me and to just be patient (this is 8 hours after I left him at Lutheran Hospital ED). I continued to search by phone for my father, but it took both his MD from the same system and us 4 days to find him. So, we were not consulted on any of his subsequent care.

Once we found him, we learned that no cardiologist had seen him. The doctor responsible for him at Hillcrest Hospital CCF was unaware of the cardiac concerns, she only knew about the Covid-19 diagnosis. She had been giving him Remdesivier & Decatron and withholding his cardiac and psyche medications. This combination gave him SEVERE stroke-like symptoms because he has pre-existing kidney compromise that Remdesivier is known to be a contra indication.

Once we were able to see him (because he could no longer communicate by phone nor speak). We asked for a neuro evaluation that revealed No stroke. He could not have given consent for his care after day 4 and I have no way of knowing if he consented to the dramatic changes in his medications before he lost his ability to communicate. So, the medication administered and the care, given caused him to weaken so severely that he was no longer eligible for the pacemaker that may have been indicated at the time of his admission.

I inquired as to when he was going to be given another Covid-19 test to see if we can move past this artificial (government imposed) hurdle to have him work with cardiology. The response was that the tests are too unreliable, so we have to assume he still has covid. (that is a policy response not a good clinical response.)

Once we admitted defeat and took him home to die it took him another week for him to pass. The physician we had come pronounce his death was not permitted to write the death certificate because the Cleveland Clinic wanted to deem his death due to Covid-19. Rather than renal failure, which would have been accurate.

Once I got the coroner on the phone she admitted that she had only met him once, and reviewed his file superficially and since Covid was among the diagnosis that remained on his file (in spite of it being nearly 4 weeks since he had been tested) she made it the primary diagnosis. She was under administrative order to use Covid as cause of death if it had been either a contributing factor or possibility. And since she could not rule-out covid as cause of death she would not remove it from his death certificate, she did add other diagnosis per my request and her further evaluation of his file.

In conclusion, by the government incentivizing diagnosis changes in the hospitals my wonderful father was denied life saving care and died in August of 2021. Please support HB 73 to prevent this from happening to your cherished loved ones and your constituents.

Dr. Jennifer Kent Ramsey

