



Dear Senator Huffman;

I am writing to ask that the legislative body of Ohio, to please act to protect the rights of adult individuals to procure medications prescribed by their physicians without fear of interference or reprisal by any other entity outside the patient-doctor relationship.

We ask that you support HB73 currently before the Ohio Senate, as a bulwark against the medical tyrannies of rogue govt. actors, private businesses, professional medical organizations, or lobbies of any kind. We ask that you protect providers, in private practice or in companies from any reprisals for voicing their conscientious opinion about any medical treatment or for suggesting alternative medicines. We ask that you keep the World Health Organization or any body of governance outside Ohio from infringing on the rights of individuals to health-saving treatments. I consider this essential from my personal experience.

My family was exposed to prolonged illness by the meddling of Walgreens Pharmacies and a professional organization of pharmacists in Ohio during the supposed Corona virus emergency of 2021. My husband, suffering from long lasting respiratory distress and loss of vision was being treated by Dr. Ryan Cole. As a precaution, Dr. Cole also prescribed Ivermectin for me online because no one would prescribe it locally. However, when I tried to fill my prescription I was admonished,

questioned and eventually denied Ivermectin by the Walgreens Pharmacy in Deer Park, Ohio.

We were at first questioned about the purposes of the medication, then lectured about the uses of Ivermectin and eventually told that the Walgreens computer system did not carry the medication so we could not obtain it. I consider all of the above a violation of my husband's rights and my own and we were not the only ones in my community.

I watched many people fight long battles with respiratory afflictions, some eventually succumbing. I also saw friends in pharmacy or medical professions lose jobs. There was a gentleman who refused to follow the dictats of his job and family and ended up living in his car. Desperate friends in my community would make calls for medication whenever someone was ill and for a year or more we prayed and banded together with whatever home remedies we had whenever anyone was sick. I am blessed that no one I knew intimately who had not taken the Covid vaccine died. Others were not so blessed.

Later, we were to find out through a friend that a professional organization was discouraging pharmacies and pharmacists from filling Ivermectin prescriptions. Even those pharmacists who were willing to fill the prescription were not able to because pharmacies somehow deleted that category from their computer systems.

This collusion by private entities and professional organizations and rogue govt. actors to infringe on the patient-doctor relationship is not to be borne and must be stopped dead on its tracks.

If there are to be more medical emergencies, the citizens of Ohio must be restored in their rights to medical freedom and to self-care, so I urge you in the strongest terms to enact HB73.

Sincerely yours,

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