

Chairman Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 12, The Jeff, Dave & Angie Patient Right to Try Act.

I live in Miami County, Ohio and my name is Barbara Schwarz. Please listen to my warning, as I am sure you would not want a family member of yours or any Ohioan to endure what happened to my beloved husband John Schwarz of 34 years.

John was taken by ambulance to Kettering ER on November 29th, 2021. The ER refused to give him Monoclonal Antibodies. I was given Monoclonal Antibodies and I tested negative for covid three days later so I went to the hospital to see John. John was in major depression from the isolation and on high flow oxygen, but he was able to stand and move the distance the oxygen tube would allow. I continued to beg the doctors to give him the antibody infusion knowing it could save him and they said it was against the CDC and Hospital protocol. Lily published a report in September 2020 stating, "no patients progressed to mechanical ventilation or died who had been given the infusion."

One of the nurses told me, I don't understand why they won't give it to him since you want it so badly. I asked, "Maybe they don't have enough?" She said, "No, there is plenty just sitting on the shelf". John's records state it was because of the CDC guidelines he couldn't have it. I gave the doctor a print out of the FLCCC protocol and they refused ivermectrin and only gave him a low dose of Vit C. Then the doctor told me if I could get one administrator to approve the antibodies, he would treat John with it. I tried desperately to contact the administrators and even emailed the Hospital CEO. The CEO never returned my email but the nurse noted in his records the CEO said it was against hospital policy.

I spoke to a constitution teacher about John's "right to try" the antibody infusion. Her response in short was, "Article I, Section 1 and 4th Amendment, and Nuremburg Code, Doctors are to listen to their patients and obey their Hippocratic Oath which says to "first do no harm." The CDC knows they have no legal authority.

John's journey included being careflighted to The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. There he was kept from getting a proper bed and ended up with horrific bed wounds. They refused high dose Vit. C once again because their hands were tied by the hospital protocols and fear of losing their jobs.

He then endured a chest tube that was never sewed in place. This caused a leaking problem. He did a complete turn around and made it to Kindred hospital in Dayton. Before getting to Kindred a social worker got a doctor to approved High dose Vit C. and the pharmacy said they could get it. But as soon as he got there, they changed their minds. Again, I believe it was pressure from the hospital protocols and fear of losing their jobs.

It took me seven weeks to get a home med approved for high dose liposomal Vit C through the GI tube. Within 24 hours his lungs were clearing and showed improvement. His bed wounds were starting to heal and were not going to need debrided.

But John's chest tube that had never been stitched in place had been coming out of his body which caused an emergency for replacement. He had a leak that then needed repaired. The plan to fix it turned into an incident of him lying for 24 hours with a collapsed lung which damaged his heart. Two hospitals and three doctors neglected his chest tube which ended his life.

He endured this 2 1/2 months of pure torture could have been prevented if his doctor at Kettering Hospital would have been able to give the antibody infusion. The only reason he didn't was because he feared losing his job. He was not able to treat the way he wanted. It was a battle everyday to try and get the treatment he really needed, and some doctors wanted to give. Nothing will change for patients like my husband unless the Ohio legislature takes action.

I pray that no other family has to endure what my family has, including yours.

I am absolutely disgusted by the fact that my own Senator Steve Huffman completely gutted HB 73 last assembly to make his donors happy. Those changes would have still allowed my husband to die. I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 12.

Thank you,

Barbara Schwarz

This was my husband when he first went to the hospital. Sitting up, able to talk and walk.



This was a picture after a month and a half because the hospital admins refused his doctor to give him life saving treatment.



This is what they did to him when he should have been given an air bed over a month prior to this photo.

