

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: 04-23-2023

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 73

Specific Issue: Support Testimony HB 73, The Duce: Angie Paterni and Health
Private Protection
act

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How much time will your testimony require? written only

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am in support of the
HB 73 and the continued support of basic Human
rights.

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To: Chairman Cutrona

04/23/2023

HB 73 Testimony

Dear Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani and other members of the Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide support and evidence testimony for HB 73, the Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.

I will summarize our personal/professional and atrocious experience which lead to the death of my father-in law (Hugh). My wife and I are Physicians and have been since 1995. Hugh lived with us for the final 8 years of his life and I have had a 30 year working and friendship with his PCP at Lutheran Hospital, part of the CCF conglomerate. My wife was his POA for medical and this was on file at CCF and with his PCP. In 2020 Hugh began showing symptoms of Kidney compromise from long term lithium usage so we had his kidneys evaluated including diagnostic ultrasound and lab work. This kidney compromise was closely monitored and all medications were evaluated for effects on the kidneys. This was all documented in his CCF chart.

Later in 2021 he began falling/ collapsing and we were scheduled to see cardiology for possible pacemaker. He fell outside my house while taking out the trash and I reached out to his PCP and he advised me to bring him to Lutheran ED so he could have him admitted and monitor him directly. He showed no signs or symptoms of Covid 19. My wife took him to the ED and they tested him and he came back positive. This is where we lost communication with him or about him. Somehow he was admitted and transferred to Hillcrest Hospital still a CCF hospital in the Covid ward. It took several days for us to locate him and we were able to locate Hugh before his PCP could find him. His PCP was not able to locate him in the system he works for!

When we located him he had been given remdesivir at a high dosage for multiple days. This was done without any consent from anyone. His PCP was livid that it was given in spite of his renal compromise that was well documented in his file and that he had no Covid symptoms documented. The remdesivir forced on him triggered renal complications that lead to worsening of his cardiac status to the point he could not undergo pacemaker implant. He was released to us under Hospice care at home and he passed away.

During his ordeal at Hillcrest I was genuinely concerned about the damage from the remdesivir and the gross lack of communication and abuse of patient rights so I brought in a friend who has been an ED doc for 35 years in another hospital system. He could not get any clinical answers and the chart showed no reason for remdesivir and the renal compromise was a contraindication to it was clearly documented.

In summary, no national emergency or similar should preclude the basic human right to choose what is put into you. Patient consent is a human right and should not be sidelined. As a physician, I support House Bill 73 and encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Ramsey