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Committee on Public Health / Rep. Zalaski
Proposed Bill No. 5289 LCO No. 569 8155 D. D. D. D.

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

The law that I am proposing is an act prohibiting procedures that may potentially block a person's breathing passages. This is crucial because if people are allowed to block another person's air passages, and they are not punished, then people can legally harm others without fearing punitive action from the law.

My sister, Mary Ann Piccolo, died a bizarre, suspicious, and mysterious death at the Mid-State Medical Center on September 15, 2001. On September 13, 2001 my mother witnessed a neurologist blocking my sister's air passages, stopping only when blood flowed out of her mouth. Hours later she required a respirator mask to breathe. We found this out the next day when we entered her room. We asked a nurse for a seizure specialist that was promised to us by the neurologist. The nurse refused to get the specialist claiming she is convinced that Mary Ann will pull through. Shortly thereafter about 1:00 AM on September 15, 2001 Mary Ann was sent to intensive care where my mother asked for life support against a doctor's wishes. My mother insisted that Mary Ann be placed on Life Support. A secretive emergency air-way was performed later on that day. We found out about this latest procedure months later when we received the Medicare statement in the mail which identified payment to a doctor for the emergency procedure.

We never received a telephone call stating that Mary Ann died. When we arrived at the facility at 11:05 AM, a nurse told us Mary Ann died at 10:55 AM. Doctors told the Department of Public Health that she passed away at 9:55 AM; there was also a 9:55 PM time, a Death Certificate said 12:01 PM. The medical records said early morning hours.

To date nobody has been held legally responsible for her death as, in my eyes, she should have never died. The Department of Public Health and the Meriden Police claimed that no crime or violation was ever committed. All the physician had to say was that it was a routine part of his examination. This left me perplexed.

Over the years I have asked many in the medical profession about the doctor's procedure, and each one has emphatically denied that any such medical procedure exists. For example, August 12, 2010 a pulmonary/lung/breathing doctor specialist told me that there is not such exam. His remarks were: "I don't get it! He lost me there! What was he thinking!"

At present there is no vehicle that can be utilized in having a real voice regarding wrong doing done to a loved one or future victims of medical mistakes or procedures. There are states where, as in Connecticut, you need a fellow physician's statement in writing that malpractice/wrong doing has occurred. Doctors for the most part do not tell on their colleagues as a rule; see the Associated Press - Chicago story. Moreover the present laws help hospitals keep medical mistakes secret; see the Associated Press Hartford story. We the public have nobody to turn to. State agencies, advocates, our government has no effective modes of operation for this. The medical empire is very well protected that has been obviously great for them, but deadly for us! This is further revealed by Medical Doctor Ghislaine Lanctot in her book **THE MEDICAL MAFIA**. Presently the law, as I understand it, provides a 2 year statute in which one can file a lawsuit for medical malpractice. Many times one needs more time to accumulate evidence. Once again, these statutes as they exist, because of their restrictive nature, benefit the medical professionals thus bad for the general public of the citizens of our state and our country. We need laws to be passed that are to protect the citizens that are patients and their family members from medical mistakes. We need to be given the power for justice against this medical empire to help reduce the number of people who die needlessly from medical malpractice. Medicine is a closed secretive society amongst the medical professionals along with the hospital administrators and the pharmaceutical corporations they answer to. You are influenced to trust them fully. What happens when that trust is betrayed?

An **Ethics, Malpractice, Civilian Citizens Independent Review Board** is needed for the people which they will acknowledge largely in favor of during voting time. According to my Patients' Rights Safety Group, doctors policing doctors is a conflict of interest. It has not succeeded.

I implore all law makers to put themselves in the place of unsuspecting; vulnerable citizens who have been led to believe that all medical professionals always have your best interest in mind, and in my sister's case, I have found that not to be true. They are not always to be considered the good guys. I am certain that if the physician, Benjamin Rush, were alive today he would agree. Dr. Rush was a physician who signed the Declaration of Independence and wanted citizens' rights of free choice for health care to put into the Constitution, because he feared that a major organization could be formed to restrict the rights and freedom of the people of our country. It was not long after that the American Medical Association AMA was formed.

I ask you, the elected officials, to not permit the medical profession power to be left unchecked so no more innocent victims like Mary Ann Piccolo will die. Any one of you could be a future victim or one of your loved ones. You should also be allowed to choose the type of therapy and professional you want. That is if one should need a Naturopathic Physician, a Chiropractic Doctor, or an Herbalist. As the father of westernized medicine Hippocrates said: "Let food be your medicine and let medicine be your food.* Foods and herbs have been in existence long before any medical establishment existed. The great cardiologist medical doctor in this state Dr. Stephen Sinatra recommends to go to Chiropractors. Returning to the case in point issue the medical board and the Department of Public should not be the sole agencies entrusted to discipline, investigate, and judge fellow doctors and medical personnel.

During the past ten years I have contacted many people, spent \$66,000 and tried to find groups who want to get involved in this problem area. A new frontier needs to be examined by a truly independent, unbiased, and uncorrupted committee into this matter.

In closing it is important to note the following facts that the leading cause of death documented by the United States National Center for Health Statistics is the conventional medical system in America followed by heart disease and cancer. Moreover documented on public record in the state of California that when the physicians went on strike from hospitals filled with patients in the summer of 1976 in the Los Angeles county the death rates went down. When the strike was over and the doctors went back to work the death rates went up. It is cited by medical doctor Robert Mendelsohn on page 114 of "Confessions Of A Medical Heretic."

Once again all of us need laws passed along with citizen laymen review boards for our protection.

* When food is mentioned; it is necessary to specify food with the nutrients. Senate Document 264 of the federal congress states the farm fields for most part are minerally depleted one needs to have supplements. This was acknowledged at the 74th Congress, second session in 1936. Since then the nutrition in food has only gotten worse.

Nicholas V. Piccolo

by Medical Doctor
Robert Mendelsohn

of a large group of people by *doctors*. An example of iatrogenocide is the infant sacrifices in developing countries, which I described in the preceding chapter. This widespread marketing of infant formula among people who can't afford it or implement it safely amounts to a doctors' crusade against unsuspecting, defenseless infidels.

How truly deadly the Church is comes into stark relief whenever there's a doctors' strike. In 1976 in Bogota, Colombia, there was a fifty-two-day period in which doctors disappeared altogether except for emergency care. The "National Catholic Reporter" described "a string of unusual side effects" from the strike. The death rate went down thirty-five percent. A spokesman for the National Morticians Association said, "It might be a coincidence but it is a fact." An eighteen percent drop in the death rate occurred in Los Angeles County in 1976 when doctors there went on strike to protest soaring malpractice insurance premiums. Dr. Milton Roemer, Professor of Health Care Administration at UCLA, surveyed seventeen major hospitals and found that sixty percent fewer operations were performed. When the strike ended and the medical machines started grinding again, the death rate went right back up to where it had been before the strike.

The same thing happened in Israel in 1973 when the doctors reduced their daily patient contact from 65,000 to 7,000. The strike lasted a month. According to the Jerusalem Burial Society, the Israeli death rate dropped fifty percent during that month. There had not been such a profound decrease in mortality since the last doctors' strike twenty years before! When the doctors were asked to explain this phenomenon, they said that since they only attended emergency cases, they could invest their best energies into the care of the truly ill people. When they didn't have to listen to the day-to-day, presumably unimportant complaints of the average patients, they could devote themselves to a greater saving of life.

That's not such a bad answer. I've been saying right along that what we need is a perpetual doctors' "strike." If doctors reduced their involvement with people by ninety percent and attended only emergencies, there's no doubt in my mind that we'd be better off.

We just can't get away from the fact that a disturbing amount of



the scientific literature. It is clear that the war to defeat Codex has not been won, and consumers should continue to aggressively protest attempts by Codex to limit vitamin potencies. For information on battling Codex, log on to www.lef.org/codex

Death by Medicine

Something is wrong when regulatory agencies pretend that vitamins are dangerous, yet ignore published statistics showing that government-sanctioned medicine is the real hazard.

Until now, Life Extension could cite only isolated statistics to make its case about the dangers of conventional medicine. No one had ever analyzed and combined ALL of the published literature dealing with injuries and deaths caused by government-protected medicine. That has now changed.

A group of researchers meticulously reviewed the statistical evidence and their findings are absolutely shocking.⁴ These researchers have authored a paper titled "Death by Medicine" that presents compelling evidence that today's system frequently causes more harm than good.

This fully referenced report shows the number of people having in-hospital, adverse reactions to prescribed drugs to be 2.2 million per year. The number of unnecessary medical and surgical procedures performed annually is 7.5 million. The number of people exposed to unnecessary hospitalization annually is 8.9 million.

The most stunning statistic, however, is that the total number of deaths caused by conventional medicine is an astounding 783,936 per year. **It is now evident that the American medical system is the leading cause of death and injury in the United States.** (By contrast, the number of deaths attributable to heart disease in 2001 was 699,697, while the number of deaths attributable to cancer was 553,251.⁵)

We had intended to publish the entire text of "Death By Medicine" in this month's issue. The article uncovered so many problems with conventional medicine, however, that it became too long to fit within these pages. We have instead put it on our website (www.lef.org).

We placed this article on our website to memorialize the failure of the American medical system. By exposing these gruesome statistics in painstaking detail, we provide a basis for competent and compassionate medical professionals to recognize the inadequacies of today's structure and attempt to institute meaningful reforms.

Government-Protected Medicine Is Dangerous Medicine

The word **regulate** can be defined as "to control or direct according to rule, principle, or law."⁶

In the US, all aspects of medical care are heavily "regulated"

by the government. The end result is that health care is expensive, complicated, dangerous, and often ineffective.

The only way out of this bureaucratic abyss is serious free-market reform. This will not happen as long as the public thinks it needs government "protection." We applaud the producers of *Frontline* for exposing the fact that the FDA does not protect Americans against unsafe drugs. Soon after the *Frontline* program aired, the most popular news program in the US contacted *Life Extension* seeking information about problems with prescription drugs. It appears that the mainstream media may finally be targeting the FDA.

For longer life,

William Faloon

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Newspaper: Law helps hospitals keep medical mistakes secret

HARTFORD (AP) — Changes made five years ago to a Connecticut law aimed at revealing medical mistakes at hospitals have allowed the facilities to keep more errors secret, according to a Hartford Courant analysis.

After examining state health department records, death certificates, medical examiner reports and lawsuits, the newspaper found that narrower reporting requirements in the revised law have allowed hospitals to keep more mistakes from being revealed to the public.

"Do we know more? No," Jean Rexford, executive director of the nonprofit Connecticut Center for Patient Safety, tells the Courant. "The health care industry is as secretive as any you can imagine. And it

doesn't serve the public well." State public health officials, however, maintain the revised law has encouraged hospitals to be more forthcoming about medical errors.

According to the Courant, the state has investigated dramatically fewer adverse-event cases since the law was changed. Of the more than 1,200 adverse-event reports filed by state hospitals since 2004, including at least 116 involving the death of a patient, about three out of four were closed without a formal investigation.

That's down from half of cases that were being investigated before the law was changed.

Details of at least 30 cases in which sponges and other objects were left in patients' bod-

ies after surgery are concealed in Department of Public Health records, according to the Courant. Also, details of more than a dozen sexual assaults, hundreds of serious falls and at least half a dozen cases where newborn babies died or were seriously injured have been kept under wraps.

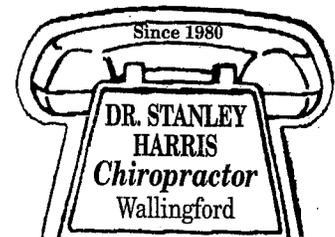
The General Assembly in 2002 ordered hospitals to disclose all serious patient injuries that were "associated with medical management." But that law was later changed in 2004 to limit the types of adverse events that must be revealed. Reports would be kept secret unless they led to an investigation.

Wendy Furniss, health care systems chief for the public health department, said the agency is closing more cases

without investigating because the revised law has required hospitals to provide clearer explanations of adverse events and how hospital officials plan to address problems. Keeping the reports secret, she said, has encouraged hospitals to report more honestly.

"The confidentiality piece has made all the difference," she said.

The revised 2004 law was partially prompted by under-reporting by hospitals.



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Post Script

Leading Causes of Death

“Doctors are the third leading cause of death in the United States, causing 250,000 deaths every year 12,000 unnecessary, 7,000 medication errors in hospitals, #20,000 other errors in hospitals, #80,000 infections in hospitals, 106,000 non-error, negative effects of drugs.”

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Dear Dept of Public Health
on August 12, 2010 My Mother
and I met with a Pulmonary
Respiratory / Lung / Inhalation
Breathing Doctor / Specialist!
his answer to the blocking of her
air passages was as follows!

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He lost me there! I don't get it! What was he thinking!
this Doctor is the best in his field!

Dear Attorney General Richard Blumenthal:

The authorities and law enforcement agencies refuse to acknowledge six important and major events that happened to my sister, Mary Ann Piccolo, before her death*,

They are the following:

- 1) the blocking of my sister's breathing passages causing blood to flow from her mouth. This is not a medical act. It is criminal in nature. There are no statutes, of limitations for criminal acts;
- 2) an unauthorized colonoscopy shortly before her death which I have the billing statement which you also have;
- 3) wrong positioning of respirator intubation throat apparatus causing body shock in the intensive care unit - the nurse never contacted the doctors after the incident;
- 4) the promise and renegeing of specialists by the doctor who blocked her air passages;
- 5) an emergency air way shortly before her death which was kept secret from us;
- 6) the ending of life support without contacting the family even though my mother was going through legal guardianship for three months in 2001.

All incidents were either eye witnessed and/or are well documented in investigations and/or in billing statements.

As attorney general - in what capacity are you involved? I hope you are involved in helping citizens from being victimized by institutions. That is what we the taxpayers want.

Respectfully yours.

Nicholas Piccolo

* We were never counseled at length as stated in the Medical Records by three Doctors and told to contact them in the future, if we have questions.

I was threatened in writing when I contacted Mid-state Medical Center about this counseling at length.

* Mom and I believe it was put there to cover themselves for wrongdoing.

Doctors don't report colleagues, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study finds too many doctors who work with drunk, drug-addicted or incompetent colleagues fail to report them.

A surprising 17 percent of the doctors surveyed had personal knowledge of an impaired or incompetent physician at work.

One-third of those doctors had not reported the problem to hospital officials or state medical boards. The findings were based on a survey of nearly 1,900 practicing U.S. doctors.

Programs exist for retraining doctors with weak skills and getting addicted ones into treatment. The study's lead author, Catherine Desroches of Harvard Medical School, says the survey results suggest doctors aren't confident in the system.

The findings appeared in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.