

Subject: Bill #393-An act concerning repayment of State aid by a recipient whose death is caused by the State's negligence

Good Afternoon,

As I stand before all of you today, to address this "**absolutely senseless death**" of my twin brother Douglas John Davis, II. I just would like you all to know how much pain and sadness this "**senseless death**" has caused to our family for the rest of our lives. Just to give you a little background, Douglas had resided at our home in Bridgeport, until the sudden death of our mother who passed away on October 3, 1994. Soon after our mothers passing we had to admit Douglas into the Ella Grasso Center in Stratford, CT. for the mentally retarded, where he had resided there for almost 10 years, thinking he would be treated as a human being, and be treated in a humane manner, not a inhumane manner. Who would of thought this would of happened to our family. While in their care he passed away on February 10, 2004 due to the States "**negligence**". We were told that the State of Connecticut had come into the Ella Grasso Center to review records, and unfortunately my twin brothers records were reviewed. Upon review they had seen that he had been, what they say on a medication (Haldol) way to long and they had to ween him off of it. While weening him off of the Haldol, they had prescribed a different medication to replace his Haldol. They then prescribed Seroquel to him, in which I researched was a very, very powerful medication. Not only was he on Seroquel he was also taking other medications as well. While on the Seroquel, and all of his other medications, strange and bizarre behaviors began to happen and this was not Douglas. He became a totally different person, where it is documented that he began to have what they called "dropping episodes" where he would just fall to his knees and it would cause bodily harm to him. The dropping episodes that stands in my mind so

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vividly, is that he had 60 of this "dropping episodes" all in one day and on another day, he was sitting at the table eating and his face fell down into his plate. There were many, many more of these "dropping episodes" on a daily basis. Hallucinating was also happening. A couple of days before he passed away he was staring out the window calling for his mother, who has been deceased since October of 1994. We will never know, if he did see his mother, was he calling out to her for help, or did he know he was dying and he was going to be with his mother in eternal life. He also had to be restrained one day, because he would not take his medication, in my mind, he was trying to tell them, that this medication was doing more harm than good. My mothers passing is somewhat more easier to accept, because she passed away due to natural causes, but Douglas's passing is very hard to comprehend, understand and accept because his death was **"absolutely senseless"**. A lawsuit was brought forward against the State of Connecticut and they were found to be at fault for his passing. Once the lawsuit was settled, the State of Connecticut received \$1,667,986.93 for his care for residing at the Ella Grasso Center. This was very, very difficult to comprehend, understand and accept, that they had **benefited** and was **rewarded** for causing his death. How could that be morally so, how? That is totally absurd! I know you can not put a value on another persons life and we would give anything to have him back, anything, but as we all know that is impossible. Our family did not receive nearly as much as the State did, so I guess he meant more to the State of Connecticut then he did to our family. I had asked if my brother passed away due to natural causes would the State come to us for reimbursement for his care, and I was advised no, but since there was a lawsuit brought forward, per a statue they were entitled to reimbursement, which I call free money. We would never, ever want another family to go through what we have to endure for the rest of our lives. Therefore, this could happen, and will probably happen again to another family, so when they bring a lawsuit forward against the State of Connecticut, they will **"benefit again"**, as well as being **"rewarded again"**. I am here today seeking so desperately to change the law. **Morally speaking, the State of Connecticut "should not benefit and be rewarded for causing the death of another human being"**. How can anyone benefit and be rewarded for causing the death of another human being? How do they sleep at night, where is the guilt and the shame? The State of Connecticut should be ashamed of themselves and I personally do not know how they can live with themselves on a day to day basis. Shame on you. I hope this never happens to anyone, who represents the State of Connecticut and you will then realize that it was wrong, totally wrong!!!!!!

Sincerely

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