

My name is Joe Lee. I write to you from Australia after hearing about the chance that the US state of Connecticut could become the first US State to pioneer an end to the horrific practice of forced electroshock. I know many people with mental diagnoses live in sheer terror of these laws allowing forced shock to be on the books. Laws which permit forced electroshock run contrary to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture has condemned the practice of forced electroshock in recent years.

Please pass this bill. If Connecticut can become a safe harbor where people don't have to live in fear of forced brain assault such as forced electroshock, that is a wonderful progressive leap forward for liberty in the United States. Please note that the FDA has never officially required electroshock devices to be tested using modern rigorous FDA benchmarks, and that these primitive and harmful devices were "grandfathered" in by the FDA.

If psychiatrists can convince some people to agree to this guesswork brain electricity frying barbarism then that is fine by me, let the easily duped sign up for this horrible "therapy". However, laws giving Connecticut psychiatrists the power to FORCE this horror on people against their express wishes and informed refusal of consent, are nothing but barbarism, and have no place in a 21st century society that values human rights.

Please pass this bill so that those at risk of having the right to own their own body ripped away by forced psychiatry no longer have to live in fear of forced electroshock. No doubt Connecticut will continue the brutal and barbaric practice of forced drugging, but AT LEAST a ban on forced electroshock would go some way to modernizing and respecting human rights in the Connecticut mental health system.

The eyes of the world are upon you, human rights advocates from as far away as Australia wait to see what the outcome of this attempt to ban this horrific practice in Connecticut will be. Please vote in favor of liberty and human rights and dignity, and against forced electroshock laws.

Sincerely,
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