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From: "Gil Mileikowsky"
Subject: [F] False Claims Act
To: "Dan Donovan" <dan_donovan@finance-rep.senate.gov>, "Steve Twedt" <stwedt@post-gazette.com>

Dear Mr. Donovan,

I recently learned from an article of Melissa Davis that Senator Grassley is the founder of the False Claims Act and is considering expanding the scope of that Act.

Following please find the article "The Cost of Courage: How the tables turn on doctors" by Steve Twedt dated October 26, 2003, in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, which clearly demonstrates the dramatic outcome resulting from a total lack of any "Whistleblower" Law protecting physicians who are not employees of hospitals and/or Managed Care Organizations.

Independent private physicians who stand up for quality of care are "sitting ducks" and easy pray for hospitals' administrators and attorneys precisely because they have nothing to risk as there is no Law protecting physicians who are patients advocates.

The American Disability Act [ADA] contains a section that was meant to protect physicians who are patients advocates but no Court in the Country has ever upheld any cause of action based on that Law.

I would like to invite you to contact Steve Twedt at (412) 263-1963, Fax: (412) 391-8452, email: stwedt@post-gazette.com and visit the website of the Post Gazette (www.post-gazette.com) as Mr. Twedt did an extraordinary in-depth analysis of the lack of Quality Control of the Delivery of Medical Care in our country, 15 articles from 10/26/03 to 10/29/03. The price paid by patients and the taxpayer due to preventable medical complications and/or deaths is mind boggling.

NO ONE REALIZES THAT THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS IS BY REDUCING PREVENTABLE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS.

Following please find the article from Wall Street Journal dated September 11, 2003 regarding one single preventable complication but fails to evaluate the staggering financial cost.

As long as hospitals' corporations will be allowed to put their dollars signs ahead of our patients' vital signs, Health Care costs will continue to rise, see "The Rape of the Medical Peer Review Process by Tenet Health System". I made it public coincidentally on 04/01/2002 – April's Fools Day! My analysis was validated when the FBI uncovered Tenet's REDDING conduct.

HOW LONG WILL WE CONTINUE TO BE DUPED? I believe that the Senate Finance Committee under the leadership of its Chairman, Senator Charles E. Grassley can establish that "the buck stops here" i.e. at the Senate Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

Gil Mileikowsky, M.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Mileikowsky", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Enclosures:

1. Article of Steve Twedt dated 10-26-03: "The Cost of Courage: How tables turn on doctors".
2. Article from WSJ dated 09-11-03:" "How to Keep the Hospital From Making You Sicker"
3. "The Rape of the Medical Peer Review by Tenet Health System