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RE: PATIENT ID 21337

Dear Ms. Elliott

As I was composing this letter, I received an email from “21337’s/ “Carol’s” closest friend and colleague. She informed me that “Carol” had just passed away in a hospice. Early on when I was seeing Carol, as you know, she gave me permission to use her name publicly. When I last saw Carol a few weeks ago, she had desperately hoped to be able to go back to home as she had been in hospital for months.

I am unbelievably saddened by this, since although a PET scan would have shown that she was terminal from the very beginning, she suffered through utterly avoidable and unnecessary physical and emotional harm done to her because of how we, her doctors, were forced to investigate and treat her. This has to end. The question is whether you intend to be ‘part of the solution’, or ‘part of the problem’.

As I had not heard anything from your office since my last email to Mr. Mondezein in September, I was going to ask if you finally had anything to say to Carol. She had always held out the hope that her suffering might not be in vain, and that others would not have to endure what she has lived through. You are fully aware that on a daily basis, there are “Carols” subjected to an “unethical, immoral, and utterly agenda driven” process that makes them victims. Sadly, even though you have been aware of this since the spring, she died not knowing whether you were willing to stand up for her or not.

## LETTER:

In my last email to Mr. Chris Mondezein, I submitted a proposal that would have allowed you to get around the 'restriction' of your mandate not allowing you to go after the government. Carol's surgeon would be the perfect physician to pursue in this case and in particular, this physician did see Carol once in Thunder Bay not long before I saw her. Her impact was so upsetting on 'Carol' that her Thunder Bay physicians finally stood up to this 'arrogant surgeon' and dismissed her from the case. As you have just been informed, Carol has now died not knowing where you, Ms. Elliott, stand on this profoundly serious and unconscionable situation affecting all Ontario's cancer patients as well as others with serious illness blocked from PET.

Carol worked as a nurse for her whole life. There were many disturbing and upsetting 'realities' she was forced to face during her illness. She suffered terribly from the deliberate physical and emotional harm done to her. She spent her last months lying in a hospital bed requiring constant pain management and other supportive care. Much of this was secondary to the radical radiation to her pelvis, that had she have been allowed a PET/CT in her original workup, would have demonstrated that this horrendous damage to her pelvis was contraindicated.

But she also had to struggle with:

1. As a nurse in some ways she had been living a lie with her patients, since she believed in Cancer Care Ontario and directions of the Ontario Ministry of Health.
2. So besides coming to the disturbing reality that "Evidence-based Patients First" Health care was not only a cruel lie, but understood the larger implications when it came to cancer patients such as herself.
  - a. If CCO had spent all these years and time and expense blocking cancer patients from what had been the accepted world standard of imaging management, in the case of lung cancer, for 20 year, ***just what else have they done to the cancer patients she looked after!***
3. Then when Carol was most in need of medical help, the very physicians that made decisions that lead to her suffering, abandoned her and refused to answer her well informed and critical questions she had a right to have answered as a patient in a supposedly 'open, transparent and accountable democracy.'
4. And this revelation naturally lead to perhaps something even more disturbing for her and her family. EVERY, supposed safeguard and the so-called 'watchdogs' in Ontario that she believed would protect her from abuses from politicians, where to put it bluntly, "bought and paid for."
5. She and her family are also VERY aware of the threats against my ability to practice as a physician in Ontario because I tried to stop this from happening to Carol

When I met with her in hospital a couple of weeks ago, she still held out hope that you, Ms Elliott, 'Patient Ombudsman' of Ontario, would be able to give her some hope that

her suffering would not be in vain, and that she would not just viewed as just another 'success story' for the government and their medical experts.

I will include a two part video I have made on Carol's case and her suffering.

1. Part 1: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_SceFmdbHbs&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SceFmdbHbs&t=5s)
2. Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARiVSGKuH48&t=7s>

### **CONCLUSION:**

I would ask that you take a good look at the videos on Carol and what she and of course her family suffered through. Then I would respectfully request that you make a statement that I can pass on to her grieving family, or if you prefer, to send it to them directly.

Based on my dealings with you and your representatives, I see no further need to have any further contact with you or your office, at least until I can assess what you have to say to Carol's family.

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