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RE: HB 4847 – 4850

Good Morning:

I wish to testify on behalf of my mother who has dementia and her dpoa refuses to share her medical information and threatens to sue the nursing home if they disclose. She's now in hospice, which I found out by accident. Her teeth are falling out due to the sibling dpoa who is not taking care of her. We don't have the money to take the sibling to probate court, since she's an attorney and will tie this up forever. There are far too many families and patients suffering due to the current law.

In addition, Adult protective services failed to investigate the dpoa sibling for financial exploitation, when they are supposed to investigate these matters.

Therefore, I wish to testify on behalf of my mother, and as a part of the general public where numerous families are suffering due to the matters currently being discussed. This matter is extremely difficult, since I just found out last week my mother's now in hospice. The dpoa sibling constantly threatens to sue the nursing home and hospital if they disclose anything regarding my mom's health. I have no idea why she's in hospice, or how much longer she'll live.

My mother's name is Margaret Arslanian. Her birthday is August 22nd, and I'm not sure if she'll live to see her birthday or not. If so, she'll be 94. But, she's in bad shape now, At the age of 90, she still had all of her teeth, which is remarkable. But since then the sibling dpoa has neglected her dental care, she barely has any front teeth left. The dpoa sibling made excuses why she didn't go to the dentist, and claimed our mother would cancel her appointments.

That's impossible, since she would repeatedly ask what day and time it was. At the nursing home, she sleeps all day, they have her heavily sedated, which I found out is considered chemical restraint. We have no idea what meds or dosage she's on. My oldest sister is a nurse, whom my mom relied heavily on, because my mom didn't understand what the doctors were doing, what the meds were for, etc. And this other vindictive sibling claims our mother doesn't want us to know what's going on with her medically, which is not true. This sibling also named an attorney friend as her dpoa successor, who we've never met. Both are acting in a very unethical manner in circumventing the law. This sibling knew if she petitioned for guardianship over our mother, we'd object. For decades, this sibling has exerted undue influence and manipulation over our mother and our mother sadly allowed herself to fall prey to this manipulation and control.

I know we're not alone, because the number of families suffering from the undue influence and abuse of vindictive guardians and dpoa's is astronomical. And it's beyond frustrating that adult protective services did nothing to investigate this sibling who has full control over our mom's assets and medical care. This far exceeds pain and stress. No guardian, nor dpoa should ever be allowed to have 100% control over the patients finances and medical decisions. The patient and family members suffer greatly as a result of "absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Even though the dpoa or guardian can instruct the nursing home or hospitals to not allow certain visitors, this has a devastating impact on the patient and family. Although the reason should be due to well documented abuse, please note that due to the vindictive nature of the guardian or dpoa, they will ban the visitor when no abuse exists.

Please stop the abuse of these vindictive, immoral, and unethical attorneys, guardians, and dpoa's.

Kind regards,

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