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Ladies & Gentlemen

I am writing this letter to tell you that I am in total support of the Bills 5726-5733 I hope they pass in order to help other senior citizens from being targeted by predators.
Since 1995 I have had to stand back and watch my father be coerced, manipulated threatened and lied to by a young woman who is now 35 yrs old. My father at the time was 71 yrs old.
In the beginning this woman was 23 yrs old, married with (2) children. Her name is Kelly Kurtz.
The day after we buried my mother in 1995, we went back the next day to visit my father. She was already there "consoling" him.
At the time, we could only come out on the weekends, and when we did visit, she would already be there, or calling to see if we had arrived. Then, she would come over and "insist" he had to go "somewhere" with her. He would listen to her demands, and then he would go. We would leave, this happened almost every time.

She would also say to my father "your daughter wants all your money". Constantly trying to brainwash him. She gave him a cell phone. that he paid for, so she could keep tabs on him. She would call him 20 x a day. He tried to give it back several times, but she convinced him to keep it.

He went through "hell" for all these years not knowing what to believe. She led him to believe they were a "couple". They had an intimate relationship for quite a number of years. He caught her quite often with other men, during the time they were a "couple".

He also told me and his neighbors that she threatened rape charges and threatened to burn down his barn.

Throughout the years, she alienated most of his old friends and family. I tried to put a stop to this abuse by taking him to court in 1999. I didn't want to hurt him. I was trying to help him. He begged me to stop. I did. Things went from bad to worse. We stopped talking. I was still concerned, so I was talking to his neighbors and one friend throughout the year.

In 2003 my father contacted me to help him. He said he was in "trouble" and he needed my help. He said he wanted to go to a lawyer to try to recover some of his money. We went to a lawyer, he took I.O.U.s and a paper she had him sign. It was a codicil to his will forgiving her of all debts after his death. He told us he didn't know what he had signed. The lawyer revoked it. This is when I found out what was going on since 1999. In 1999 she divorced her first husband. She started borrowing money from my father. Large sums of money $39,000.00 $33,000.00 and more. Thats when she wrote out the I.O.U.s, for some of the larger amounts. He also bought her a pickup truck. He also paid for her children's clothing and bought her an $8000.00 ATV. He bought her diamond earrings, diamond rings, furniture for her house, her clothing, and a $4000.00 horse. He paid for the horse. It was suppose to be in his name, but at the auction, she went up to pay. She said she would go up there in line at the auction. She put the Horse in "Her" name. My father was furious! But did nothing!

When we went to court, in 2003. He was awarded a judgement of approx. $70.000.00 in cash, and 10 acres of her property. Of. Which, he never recieved either.
About a week later Oct 16, 2003, we had the truck he bought her, impounded.
She yelled, screamed, Cried til my father gave back the truck. He told me "get it back so she will leave me alone." She did not leave him alone! She threatened him again. She said she was going to get "him and his daughter back". About a week later she called him up to get him out of his house He wasn't gone 25 minutes. He was robbed of his guns. He knew who did it. He did not cooperate with the Police. He was afraid. He said her brothers did it. He put up with her demands and lies still longer. But she was becoming interested in another man. She still came around but not as much.
Then in 2005, seeing she wasn't coming around as much. I told my father

that we would move next door to him and take care of him. He said "OK". I only had to ask once!

Then in 2006 we did move next to him My husband was doing his chores, I was cleaning his house etc. We were getting along just wonderfully. She did not like this!

She started coming around more and more. She also started yelling and screaming at him. She started telling him I was after his money, and I was going to put him in a nursing home. She was becoming much more violent with me and him

In April 2007, and with him, talking to us, about her, She started trying to get him to forgive all those debts.

She left at least 25 messages on his answering machine one day. He was upset. He asked me if I had a recorder, I did I gave it to him. He taped the entire recording, and gave me back the tape recorder

She left the tape in it. I listened
They were unbelievable! She was crying
screaming yelling; cursing
There also was another voice on these
messages. It was Peter Smith.
She had gotten married to Mr Smith
in 2006 but failed to tell my father.
Shortly after that, on May 12, 2007
She took him to her lawyer, papers
were drawn up forgiving her of all
those debts of $105.000.00. He signed them.
All of these years, I have been compiling
information on this woman from talking
to neighbors, friends, getting some (20)
police reports. Most of which are violent
in nature, one regarding beating up her
ex husband and going to jail. I had so
very much information, including the
tape, I could not let this go on
any longer.
And there are so many other incidents
that I have not written in this letter!

I filed a petition for guardian and conservator in Port Huron in July 2007. We went to court, had a trial, and finally on Feb 8, 2008. The case was finished. We are now awaiting a judgement. But, because there was so very much information, and because the laws don't quite define "Mental Incompetence, or Mental Manipulation, The judge took it on advisement.

Hopefully we will win. But if we don't, we will appeal the decision

Also, since court started my father has been using the same lawyer that drew up "her" forgiveness papers. And he also changed his will. Also, he was his lawyer at the trial. I cannot understand how this lawyer can be on both sides? I do believe this is unethical and I am going to check into this

Also with in the last few years or so, This woman has been working in the Health Care field. She gives

people baths and does light housekeeping. In doing this kind of work, she is in the perfect position to find new victims.

Hopefully, if these Bills are made into laws, they will provide protection for elderly people who cannot protect themselves.

One cannot comprehend the stress and heartbreak of watching a loved one go through this degrading and humiliating experience, and having your hands tied because there is nothing you can do.

When voting on passing these Bills please take in consideration of all the elderly people you could be saving!

Thank You

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