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Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr., Chief Judge

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Honorable Scullin:

I am a doctor of pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany. I have been employed by the Stratton VA for 23 years. During the earlier part of my career, I was hired to establish an Oncology/Hematology Satellite that provided distributive chemotherapy functions, innovative clinical pharmacy services, direct patient care, and I was responsible for developing and participating in clinical cancer research. Although my full time participation in that unit ended in 1995, I remained in charge of the satellite through at least 1997. You may learn more about me by visiting my personal website at www.paindr.com.

As you know, Mr. Paul Kornak will be sentenced on August 11, 2005 at the federal courthouse, located on Broadway in Albany, New York. As I understand it, Mr. Kornak's sentence will be commensurate with various manslaughter charges and related fraudulent cancer research activities.

I am writing today to request an opportunity to speak at this public forum so that I may clarify certain issues that I believe are important for you and the public to contemplate prior to assigning a fair sentence to Mr. Kornak.

Although Mr. Kornak's conduct regarding patient abuse and fraud are unforgivable, it is clear to me that he has become the sacrificial lamb for a much larger problem. While Mr. Kornak's activities cannot go unpunished, it is important to note that he does not hold a professional healthcare license of any sort. There are however several licensed medical doctors that have been aware of cancer research violations at the Stratton VA for greater than ten years. These licensed practitioners have condoned patient abuse during that time, and punished anyone that dared to speak out against deplorable medical misconduct. In fact, some physicians were actually offered and awarded promotions to harass whistleblowers, while others were offered the same for falsifying investigative documents to hide certain well-documented patient abuses.

I believe that charging Mr. Kornak on August 11, 2005 without public hearings to expose the entire picture is sending the wrong message to VA officials, those practitioners who risked losing their careers and families to expose the truth, and the very veteran patients we serve. The fact is that medical doctors who remain behind unscathed truly have "a license to kill"; Mr. Kornak does not. Although I agree that Mr. Kornak deserves his due

punishment, justice will not be served by placing all the blame on a non-licensed pawn. I am concerned that should Mr. Kornak be sentenced without punishing the real perpetrators, certain physicians [and administrators] will feel even more empowered to use veterans as guinea pigs and harass ethical healthcare professionals who have the courage to speak out against patient abuse.

I can tell you and the public exactly what has happened over many years including how the research program was developed, what the monetary incentives were, which medical doctor administrators were aware of research violations, how certain VA officials and medical doctors padded their own pockets and diverted money, and more. This would be an ideal time to tell the world just how corrupt certain licensed medical doctors have been and how certain non-licensed Stratton VA administrators cultivated such an environment. I am prepared to name names!

As a licensed pharmacist, I am obliged to consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering as my primary concerns. I am also required to maintain the highest principals of moral, ethical, and legal conduct. I have been fighting against certain Stratton VA officials to fulfill these obligations since 1994. Please help me to uphold these standards and expose the whole truth to our veteran community.

Very sincerely,



Signed July 13, 2005

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