

Good morning Senator, my name is Brooke Budensiek, I am a 41 year old widow writing to you on behalf of my late husband Joshua Budensiek. Josh lost his life to the hospital protocols at the young age of 34 back in 2021. Leaving behind 3 small children who are now 9, 8 and 5.

Josh worked in a feed mill and was prone to illness in the spring and fall seasons when the temperature changes. Back in September of 2021, he was showing signs of what we thought was a sinus infection. He was treated with an antibiotic then but nothing seemed to really improve. Fast forward to November of 2021 and his symptoms had only worsened, his breathing/oxygen saturation was also becoming a concern, he went into the clinic the 8th and was sent home with nebulizers and cough medicine. 2 days later things hadn't really improved so he went back in and that's when things went scary FAST!!! Josh was transferred down to Rochester Mayo Clinic on the late hours/early morning of November 12/13. That's when they administered the Remdesivir for the first time, his records show he would receive this for the next 3 days (3 doses). While this was taking place he was also placed on high flow oxygen to the point his lungs blew up and couldn't take anymore so they intervened and placed Josh on a ventilator in the late hours of November 15 around 10:30pm. Some of the other drugs he was being given were Baricitnib, Dexamethasone. Josh's battle in the hospital over that next month was a wild rollercoaster ride to say the least. His lungs took a hit, he know had a liver injury and his kidneys had completely shutdown. He was requiring so many different machines to keep his body alive, including dialysis. At one point things looked promising, I was finally able to go visit him November 23, I was finally able to speak with the team face to face. This dr was hopeful that with Josh's young age and his perfect bill of health, he was going to pull through this. It wasn't many days after that that things really took a turn for the worse. His lungs had worsened, he was fighting these fevers that they couldn't figure out, they had been trying to wean him off sedation but his body would react, he'd become violent/aggressive like they said, so they'd have to re sedate him. I remember them telling me that he was such a healthy young man with such a large chest cavity that he required even more sedation. In the beginning of December things were very rocky, they had called me up and said that now they found this mass on his heart that they think is fungal

Endocarditis and that this was a very hard infection to treat. The very early morning hours of December 8, I got a call at about 5am telling me I needed to get to the hospital now!!! Josh's body was not going to make it much longer, his heart could stop at any moment. I got there and saw him hooked up to everything imaginable,

I demanded several times for Ivermectin and Hydroxchlouriqine, vitamin D, zinc and they said no one in the US was administering those drugs. On Dec 8, they advised us to put Josh on a DNR for fear his body wouldn't be able to handle being revived. The morning of December 9, we as a family decided to put Josh on comfort care and it was within an hour, he was gone. I had hired Dr. McCullough and I have his medical review notes that states my husband never had Covid, Josh had a fungal infection acquired from work that wasn't treated correctly and promptly.