

June 25, 2026

Attn.: Senator Ron Johnson

Testify

Dear Chairman,

My name is Carol Fifer. I am a third-grade teacher and the widow of my husband, Robert “Bobby” Fifer, who died on September 14, 2021, following hospitalization for Covid-19. Bobby was a 61-year-old who worked in the New Mexico oil fields performing physically demanding labor.

On August 22, 2021, I took Bobby to the emergency room in Hobbs, New Mexico, because his O2 levels were low. This was after both of us were given hydroxychloroquine, a steroid, an antibiotic, and an inhaler on August 20, 2021. He brought his prescribed medications with him and was told he was not permitted to continue taking them. He was admitted to the ICU on August 23 with COVID pneumonia. We talked on the phone and texted. Bobby told me he did not want to be placed on a ventilator. Our final text was on August 24th at 7:56 pm. All my voicemails from him were erased 6 months before the day he was put on a ventilator. AT&T said it was a glitch and couldn’t retrieve them.

According to the medical records, Bobby received dexamethasone, remdesivir for 5 days, small doses of vitamin C and zinc, fentanyl, propofol, and morphine during his hospitalizations. By August 27, I was informed that he needed dialysis and needed to be transferred to a larger hospital. He was intubated on August 29 with complications, which resulted in a collapsed lung twice, requiring two chest tubes.

Bobby was transferred by air ambulance to First Presbyterian in Albuquerque on September 1, 2021. Although I was told he was transferred because of the need for dialysis, I was later informed that dialysis was never performed. I frequently requested updates. My first contact with a physician from the Albuquerque hospital wasn’t until after Bobby had been there for 5 days. One of the doctors in charge refused to give him a sedation holiday until after I called the advocacy board at the hospital. I often received conflicting information from different staff members.

I was informed through “my chart” and nurses that Bobby experienced kidney injury, low platelet counts, significant weight loss, chest tube complications, and a pressure injury. His electronic records and the physical records had conflicting information. When I received the medical records, they contained references to alcoholism despite Bobby never consuming alcohol. It also implied that he contracted COVID from his father, although his father lived in North Carolina and had not seen him for several years.

On September 14, 2021, I reviewed Bobby’s online laboratory results, which showed his blood values were within the normal range. I returned to take a screenshot, and they were removed.

Later that afternoon, I was notified that he had died following cardiac arrest. Several physicians told me that Bobby would have been better off vaccinated. His death certificate states, “significant conditions contributing to death- COVID-19 unvaccinated”.

I was not permitted to visit Bobby at either hospital or to be present after his death. I requested the return of his cell phone. I was informed that it had been cremated with his body.

Bobby was isolated for 22 days, restrained on a ventilator for 17, and neglected; with evidence showing bed sores in the medical reports, and deprived of needed nutrition. He did not receive the care needed because he was given medications that complicated his condition; instead of improving, and the circumstances surrounding his death are questionable.

Thank you for investigating these crimes against humanity.

Sincerely,

Carol Fifer - Widow of Robert “Bobby” Fifer