

Thank you, Senator Johnson and Members, I truly appreciate this opportunity to tell my testimony.

I, David E Nelson, submit this testimony based on my personal experience and the experience that my wife and family told me as well as a review of my medical records.

On January 11, 2022, I (age 55) became ill with Covid-19. Starting, January 17th, I was under the care of a doctor receiving an Ivermectin protocol. I started the medication on January 18th.

On January 21, 2022, my wife, Mary Nelson, RN, BSN, was concerned that I was dehydrated and called an ambulance. I was taken to Bristol (Connecticut) Hospital's ER and then admitted even though I said I did not want to be. I was not aware of how long I was there because I did not see any daylight. I received oxygen and continued to say I did not want to stay despite the negative charting to the contrary.

While on the phone with Mary, a mob of hospital employees burst into my room, took my phone mid-sentence and placed it in a nurse's pocket, and I was promptly whisked to the ICU. I was coherent and never medically distressed. The "mob" yelled, "You want to live, don't you?" They wanted me to take Remdesivir; I refused. An APRN, six inches from my face, told me I was going to die. My phone was not returned until Mary contacted CT State Senator, Henri Martin, for intervention (per my wife, it was still January 21st). I tried to leave but a bed alarm stopped me. I continued to ask to leave but was denied.

On January 25, 2022 (approximately 10:15 AM), the hospital released me after Mary had lawyer, Ralph Lorigo, send a letter to the Bristol Hospital President of Medical Staff, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors. A medical administrator harassed me saying, "You're going to die and your children are going to watch you die." During my experience, there was one kind nurse. Two doctors visited me for a combined 10 minutes. I was harassed and held against my will. Afterwards, I improved with my initial Ivermectin protocol.

From Mary's perspective, once I was admitted, she was not allowed to see me. She tried January 21st but was threatened with arrest if she did not leave (in front of my then 13-year-old son). She was advocating for my release after IV fluids. As well as threats of arrest, staff told the police my symptoms and treatment. Police used the information when talking to my wife (HIPAA?). My wife and daughter called to request information and were hung up on. When on a public sidewalk outside the hospital, police approached my family to intimidate them. My wife acquired the pro bono services of Attorney Lorigo who was able to strong arm the hospital to release me. The trauma to me and my family was significant. The intimidation and harassment were unimaginable.

Once released, my wife nursed me to health with the help of our doctor and the Ivermectin protocol. We sought legal services but no lawyer in town or even 50 miles away would touch it. The hospital got away with this and my insurance and I paid for the trauma. I did not die and my children were spared. This setback made me miss 26 days of work.

I respectfully submit this testimony and lawyer's letter for congressional investigation into coercive treatment practices, denial of alternative care (Ivermectin protocol) and fraudulent negative charting (saying that I never asked to leave).

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