

Dear Senator Johnson,

My name is Kimberly Stinson, and I am writing this letter to ensure my husband Thomas “Tom” Stinson’s story is part of the official record. Thomas was 55 y/o when he died during the COVID hospital protocol era. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, hard-working man, and someone that should still be here today. Instead, I watched him disappear inside a medical system that was not compassionate, it was a prolonged cruelty, isolation, denied any requested treatment, and stripped us of any meaningful ability to protect him.

I took Thomas to the emergency room on July 18, 2021, in Kermit Texas due to difficulty breathing. We had requested Ivermectin, Budesonide, Vitamin D and C, and Hydroxychloroquine and the physician on duty laughed and said that those medications would do nothing for Thomas. Within 4 hours, we were told that he was being transferred to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock Texas for medical treatment.

On July 19th, Remdesivir was aggressively pushed, along with escalating oxygen protocols. We were never told about the possible side effects of remdesivir. He was placed on room breather then escalated to high pressure to bi-pap to ventilator with in 48 hours. Morphine, Seroquel, lovonox, insulin (he was not diabetic), as well as other medications that I noted after receiving his medical records were given in high doses.

On July 21st, he was intubated and declined rapidly. Nutrition was not started until July 23rd, antibiotics for “covid pneumonia” were not started until July 27th, the day he died. Respiratory Technician and pulmonologist attempted to wean him off the ventilator several times which would throw his body into crisis again.

On the afternoon of July 27th, there was a complication of high blood pressure and high heart rate that would not respond to medication. The pulmonologist requested Rocuronium, a paralytic used in surgical procedures and administered 2 doses. Blood pressure and heart rate began to return to normal and then suddenly began to drop extremely fast. The ICU nurse stuck his head in the door and said, “He is crashing. Do you want CPR done?” I asked if results would change and he said no.

After receiving Thomas’s records, I found numerous discrepancies, medication concerns, and blood work contraindicating the use of Remdesivir. After receiving his records, I discovered another devastating truth: because of the PREP Act immunity protections, I had no legal recourse. I could not seek accountability in the way families normally would after a wrongful death. The courthouse doors were effectively closed before I could even ask questions. Families like mine were left grieving while the institutions involved were shielded from responsibility.

Senator Johnson, I am asking that Thomas’s story be preserved in the public record because what happened to him was not an isolated event. Across this country, thousands of families experienced similar patterns: isolation from loved ones, denial of requested treatments, coercion into standardized protocols, heavy sedation, lack of informed consent, and intimidation when

families questioned the system. These are serious allegations that deserve investigation, transparency, and accountability.

Thomas mattered. His life mattered. And I will continue speaking his name so that what happened to him is never forgotten. Thank you for listening to my husband's story and for allowing families like mine to finally be heard.

Kimberly Stinson