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Sunset Committee on Texas Medical Board

To Whom It May Concern:

This Board is not in the business of delivering justice and protecting patients but instead is on a witch hunt to rack up excessive numbers of disciplined physicians. Many doctors are forced to flee Texas, quit practicing medicine or hire attorneys at \$500.00 per hour in order to deal with this Board.

The present Texas Medical Board (the Board) allows careless surgeons who kill and maim people to remain practicing for years because the Board is too busy chasing pain and primary care physicians with no known record of damage to patients.

**PRESUMABLY**

The Board's evidence is based upon a fictitious list of rogue specialized "experts" whose identities are never disclosed. The Board gets reports from these "experts" that say exactly what the Board wants them to say. In fact, the Board cuts and pastes freely to make their own reports. Everyone who is paid is not an independent witnesses. The Board uses the same "experts" over and over. Some, if not the majority of the relied upon "experts", make a living just testifying for the Board instead of practicing medicine. The reports from the "experts" are never disclosed to the doctor. The "experts" used are not of the same specialty or practice type.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Board has been a lawyer who can hire and fire the president of the board, so essentially there is still a lawyer in charge of the Board instead of a physician. Essentially the CEO and the president of the Board both need to be fired, as does the whole board. The Board needs to be abolished and completely replaced with a Board responsive to the public instead of to a small group of doctors who control the Board and the lawyer in charge.

This Board has basically, in my case, had one complaint, not from the patient but from his fall down alcoholic wife who was going to rehab, about her husband who has had five surgeries. The Board took this complaint and searched through the DPS records and then expanded the case from one patient to 16 patients, with no complaints received regarding the other 15 patient and subpoenaed over 10000 pages of medical records from my office. The Board cherry picked cases with no complaints, dropping the initial complaint, in spite of the fact that no patients in any of these cases had been hurt, injured, or bothered, nor have any of these patients filed a complaint. All of these patients indicate to me that they are better with the treatment than without.

After three attempts to prosecute me with no findings of wrongdoing at SOAH and nine other investigations that were dismissed, the Board continues to expand the scope of new

cases to many other patients not named in the original complaint. The Board has also self-generated a new case based on my not complying with a subpoena that was NEVER received. New investigations continue to be opened and prosecuted in the same manner although there has never been a finding of wrongdoing against me.

Hundreds of years of patient care are not private as the patient has a right to expect. Patients have NO say in their records being used or in their doctors being prosecuted with their own records. Hundreds of years of patient care are exposed in violation of their expected privacy.

I am 71 years old and have been practicing medicine continuously since 1979 and have never had a finding of wrongdoing against me. I am tired of spending money on lawyers to defend myself against the front line nurses at the Board who initiate the claims only to be closed at a higher level by knowledgeable physicians.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell phone

Sincerely,



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