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To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Barrett and Quackwatch
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From: Kirk Zippe
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:39 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Dear Sunset Committee,

I was recently informed by my son's doctor that you are reviewing Barrett and Quackwatch having access to our Texas physician's. It is my sincere hope that you are committed to protecting TEXAS doctors, TEXAS families and TEXAS patients and keeping this guy out of our great state.

I have actually spoke to Barrett. He had reported my son's doctor at the Care Clinic in Austin, TX. The report was filed at the Florida location using his "anonymous" tactic. I called him to let him know that my son was being treated and was showing great success. He wasn't interested. He only wanted "dirt" on our doctor and the Care Clinic. I asked him why he was so critical. He explained to me about his two son's being diagnosed on the spectrum and felt he had been misled. I told him I was sorry for his experienced but tried to explain to him that other children were benefiting from the clinic. Again, not interested. He only wanted dirt. It was also rumored at the time that he was being used by insurance companies to target homeopathic doctors treating autism. I was also a little suspicious of the validity of Quackwatch as he was quite un-concerned about the legality of wanting to discuss my son's experience at the Care Clinic.

I actually testified in front of the TMB on behalf of the Care Clinic and Dr. Caquias. The goal of the TMB was to portray me and parents of autistic children as ill-informed, un-educated and desperate for a miracle. I can assure you if you pull the notes of the court reporter, the number of times their attorney had to remind the judges that I did not have any "formal" education as a doctor will put that portray of

ignorance and desperation to bed quickly. The parents of the children at the Care Clinic were well informed by Dr. Caquias and the staff on every matter of treatment. I also informed Barrett of this as well. My brother was on staff at Cleveland Clinic during my son's time at the Care Clinic and is still a practicing surgeon. He was very aware of what medical practices were going on at the clinic and I consulted with him regularly and shared the comprehensive test results from the medical treatments. Again, Barrett wasn't interested.

As you know, all charges were dropped against the clinic but they achieved their goal of shutting it down and robbing hundreds of children the medical care they were getting and having success. That would include my son.

In my opinion, the TMB is a disgrace to our great state. It scams and holds hostage our doctors allowing questionable tactics. I fully support holding any doctor accountable. However, I know of the stressful decisions my son's uncle and other doctors have to make in the medical profession. The last thing they need is fear of Barrett filing an "anonymous" complaint--regardless of the motive or interests or parties associated.

This is TEXAS. We take care of our own. Please do your part and send Barrett packing and, at the same time, eliminating any other possible dis-honorable practices in Texas that may be associated with Quackwatch.

Sincerely,

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"Love God, Love People, Do Stuff." –Bob Guff