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Dear Legislator,

I write you today to ask for your support of House Bill 214 and any comparable upcoming bills. It is my hope the passage of this bill will prevent the abuse of power for Bret Bohn today at Providence Hospital.

Bret was a normal, university educated, 26 year old man with a future when he went to Providence Hospital on October 20, 2013, due to insomnia caused by stress. Treatment by Providence Hospital led to admission, and medication prescribed by the hospital which caused subsequent seizures and impairment. Bret is now imprisoned at Providence Hospital, against his will, and subject to total hospital control. Within three weeks of his incarceration at Providence Hospital Bret was ruled incompetent, and a made ward of the State of Alaska, with a State appointed guardian. The guardian has a caseload of 100 and very little time to devote to Bret. Bret's parents legal Power of Attorney was summarily dismissed as irrelevant and all parental rights voided. Bret's parents had objected to the treatment of their son with powerful, highly addictive drugs. Today, three months later, a young healthy, 26 year old man with life just starting is confined to four white walls, is heavily sedated and after three months of this treatment is probably a drug addict. Bret now wears a monitor, so can't escape even if he could. Bret has been denied visitor for two months. His parents or anyone else did not even get to see him for Christmas or his birthday. In the days of Hitler this treatment was called "Brain Washing". There has been no diagnosis and efforts are being made to send him to John Hopkins. Does the saying, "Out of sight, out of mind," seem to apply here? At a session when Bret's parents were being apprised of Bret's condition a Dr. told Bret's father that it was possible once Bret left Providence Hospital "he would NEVER see his son again".

Bret's parents are spending retirement money in court fighting for rights that seem to be nonexistent when you're fighting the states biggest Corporate Hospital and the complicit State agencies that seem to work with the hospital.

Questions remain! Did Providence Hospital make a mistake in Bret's treatment that caused the seizures? Is the forceful manner in which Providence Hospital terminated all Bret's and his parents rights a response to this question? Another question. How many other people are wards of the State presently at Providence Hospital with care billed to the State? The answer and the cost to the state could be surprising. To date the bills for Bret's care continue to go to his mailing address and their total is estimated to be over ONE MILLION dollars. As a ward of the State, guess who will be paying Bret's bills?

I ask you to put yourself in Bret's place. How would you feel if this were someone in your family? Please legislate for Bret and all unfortunate victims who have the misfortune to have their future stolen from them by a corporate bureaucracy like Providence Hospital.

Sincere thanks for your support.

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