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Subject: To ALL Senators: Will You Ignore Lupron Victims Too???

Date: March 3, 1999

To: Senator Kennedy (cc'd to below Senators)

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Beginning in 1994, after several years of exhausting other avenues (including prompting MA. H.2452), I attempted to arrange a meeting with you to discuss the serious issues involved with the drug 'lupron' (leuprolide acetate). At that time, and over the course of the next year or so, numerous letters were forwarded to your office, and numerous conversations took place with both your Boston and Washington DC staff in an attempt to arrange such a meeting.

In my 11/25/94 letter I stated, among other concerns, that there were "HUNDREDS of women and men all experiencing similar health problems and similar [lack of medical] treatment problems ... " following the use of lupron. According to the FDA, at that time, there were 40 deaths reported following the use of lupron.

Well - that was 1994. Today there are THOUSANDS of women and men who, following the use of lupron, are sick and unable to access medical and legal advocacy (not one doctor, not one lawyer, and not one governmental or consumer agency available to intervene) ... and now there are some 80 people that are DEAD.

How many deaths and how many victims does it take to get somebody - anybody - to take notice and action?

There are serious problems with this drug and with the alleged science involved. The FDA's Summary Basis of Approvals contain a frightening and unacceptable level of redacted information (words, sentences, paragraphs, and pages - 19 pages in just one instance alone). Information within these documents that has not been redacted clearly identifies serious questions, contradictions, and issues which should have prevented approval of this 'drug' - and, in fact, FDA Medical Officers' themselves attempted, without success, to deny approval of lupron.

These facts, coupled with the growing number of deaths and the ever increasing number of victims within the National Lupron Victims Network (<http://www.voicenet.com/~nlvn>), demand an immediate investigation. The appalling lack of informed consent regarding the risks of this agent is, as a matter of law, a battery: i.e., it is only through the National Lupron Victims Network that people are informed that lupron is a hazardous drug according to the National Institutes of Health and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. And since lupron is a "Pregnancy Category X" drug and a known teratogen, yet is routinely injected 'off-label' into healthy young women attempting to conceive children (as well as those 'donating' eggs) - the issue of human experimentation becomes readily apparent. Collectively these few facts (and there are volumes more) point to a significant health hazard and a national disgrace that can no longer be ignored.

I would like to once again request a meeting with you to discuss this very serious situation. I would also request that you endeavor to obtain an unredacted copy of the FDA's Summary Basis of Approvals for lupron. And I would also respectfully request that a Congressional Hearing be convened as soon as possible to thoroughly investigate this matter.

Sincerely,
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cc (via email): President Clinton, Senator J. Kerry, Senator Sessions, Senator Shelby, Senator Murkowski, Senator Stevens, Senator McCain, Senator S. Hutchinson, Senator Lincoln, Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein, Senator Campbell, Senator Allard, Senator Dodd, Senator Lieberman, Senator Biden, Senator Roth, Senator Graham, Senator Mack, Senator Cleland, Senator Coverdell, Senator Akaka, Senator Inouye, Senator L. Craig, Senator Fitzgerald, Senator Durbin, Senator Bayh, Senator Lugar, Senator Grassley, Senator T. Harkin, Senator Brownback, Senator Roberts, Senator Bunning, Senator McConnell, Senator Breaux, Senator Landrieu, Senator Collins, Senator Snowe, Senator Mikulski, Senator Sarbanes, Senator Levin, Senator Abraham, Senator Grams, Senator Wellstone, Senator Cochran, Senator Lott, Senator Ashcroft, Senator Bond, Senator Baucus, Senator Burns, Senator Hagel, Senator B. Kerry, Senator Bryan, Senator Reid, Senator Gregg, Senator Lautenberg, Senator Torricelli, Senator Bingaman, Senator Domenici, Senator Edwards, Senator Helms, Senator Conrad, Senator Dorgan, Senator Dewine, Senator Voinovich, Senator Inhofe, Senator Nickles, Senator G. Smith, Senator Wyden, Senator Santorum, Senator Specter, Senator Chaffee, Senator Reed, Senator Hollings, Senator Thurmond, Senator Daschle, Senator T. Johnson, Senator Frist, Senator Thompson, Senator Gramm, Senator Hutchinson, Senator Bennett, Senator Hatch, Senator Jeffords, Senator Leahy, Senator Robb, Senator Warner, Senator Gorton, Senator Murry, Senator Byrd, Senator Rockefeller, Senator R. Feingold, Senator Kohl, Senator Enzi, Senator C. Thomas (and to "info@kyl.senate.gov", "opinion@smith" & dpm.senate.gov" - email addresses of Senators whose name, at the moment, escapes me. And any omission to forward to any other Senator was unintentional).