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Joan Peterson  
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Dear Ms. Peterson,

Per our conversation this date, I am forwarding to you the information you requested. I would appreciate Congressman Baldacci's assistance in this matter. After he reviews the enclosed, I respectfully request that he initiate a full and fair investigation into this PUBLIC SCANCAL by the Justice Department.

I will briefly explain the enclosed:

“WHAT PRICE JUSTICE” tape – This is a documentary presented by Philip Castora, a licensed Private Investigator 30 years in the State of Maine. The major documents are shown in this presentation, although there is more documented evidence available. This documentary is Part 1 of others to come.

Not yet presented as a documentary is the following involving elder abuse and medicare/medicaid fraud:

- 1) Report of the Division of Licensing and Certification's investigation into Southridge Living Center which states Southridge was unable to produce any records, in violation of state law
- 2) Letter from Carol Cole, R.N. Stating this facility failed to maintain my mother's medical records, in violation of state law
- 3) Correspondence to Senator Susan Collins, dated January 11, 2001
- 4) Statement of Deficiency issued to Southridge Living Center
- 5) State law regarding Clinical Records
- 6) Correspondence from Senator Susan Collins, dated January 18, 2001 who sits as Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and has refused to look into this very serious matter
- 7) Correspondence to Senator Collins, dated February 5, 2001

- 8) Correspondence to Senator Collins, dated November 9, 2000
- 9) Medicaid Eligibility Forms which could have kept her at Southridge Living Center until 8/25/98 when this was suppose to be a two week stay Only.
- 10) Bill from Department of Human Services for 30 stay at Southridge Living Center (Medicaid was to pay for her 2 week stay, not 30+ days against her Will – an appeal before the DHS was denied and an appeal from the DHS's Denial was denied by Judge Robert Crowley in the York County Superior Court)
- 11) Medicaid Printout - (The State has no records on Southridge Living Center - I obtained this printout to check out the dates of my mother's stay At this facility only to find NO COUNTRY HLTH CARE as the provider Which received approx. \$15,000 for that period)
- 12) Report from Division of Corporations, Dept. of Secretary of State As you will see, NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES' Status with the State had been cancelled and their last filing was on December 15, 1986. If this entity is no longer licensed in Maine, why Would Medicaid pay out \$15,000 to them?

Medicare and Medicaid payments were paid out in excess for prescription drugs, that were not needed, medical equipment that was not needed and stays at a local hospital and nursing home against the will of my mother, all at the expense of the taxpayers in this State and this country. The abuse that has gone on in this case goes beyond all bounds of decency and the refusal of our elected officials to stop this abuse is a disgraceful PUBLIC SCANDAL.

One last item enclosed are pictures taken of my mother in a local hospital. My mother was deliberately over-sedated (documents to prove) and could not be awakened for weeks. I called in the Private Investigator to take these pictures. He was told he could not take pictures and the nurse would get security. Mr. Castora waited for security who never came to the room. However, hospital personnel tried to confiscate his camera and film, to no avail. NOW THERE IS SOMETHING DEFINITELY WRONG WITH THIS!

I realize that Mr. Baldacci is running for Governor of the State and is very busy with his campaign. However, while he is still a member of Congress, I respectfully request that he initiate a full investigation into this matter presented to you. I realize that I am not a constituent in his district, and my congressional elected officials will do nothing, but with such a serious matter all of Congress SHOULD be OUTRAGED by this.

Mr. Castora has conducted an extensive investigation and everything is very well documented. The evidence contained in the tape, as well as the evidence enclosed is

potent enough to initiate an investigation into this matter. Ms. Peterson, all we ever asked for was a full investigation. To show the people of Maine that he will not tolerate any type of injustice, this can be a key factor in his race for Governor. I request a meeting with Congressman Baldacci.

I would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy Lafortune*

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