

*From the desk of Eileen Marie Smith*

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Dear Members of the House Health, Insurance, & Environment Committee,

My name is Eileen Marie Smith. I have lived in Orlando, FL for the past 10 years and before that, Cape Cod, MA where my husband and I raised our 4 children. I write you today in regards to proposed **HB 1128 Women's Health Protection Act**. I now only have 3 children. I believe if a similar bill to HB 1128 were in place in MA, my youngest child, Laura Hope Smith, would still be alive today. 22 year old Laura died on the abortion table on September 13, 2007 at WOMENS HEALTH CLINIC in Hyannis, MA at the hands of Harvard Fellow Dr. Rapin Osathanondth.

The statements following list the violations in my daughters' abortion.

- 1) There was NO oxygen available in the office when the Dr was administering an inappropriate level 3 drug in a non-hospital setting (the drug was Propofol, which took away Laura's ability to breathe). The drug manufacturer warns against this practice. Laura died from lack of oxygen.
- 2) There was No monitoring done of Laura's vital signs, neither her pulse, her respiratory rate or her blood pressure. If this was done during the procedure, the Dr would have caught her distress. Laura died during the procedure and he didn't even notice. It was the assistant who tried to revive her and couldn't. The Dr. had gone on to his next patient.
- 3) There were No other medical personnel, except for the Dr, in the clinic. No anesthesiologist, No nurse, No LPN and No other doctors. My daughter died with his assistant holding her hand. The woman's level of education was a high school graduate. The Dr was a Harvard Fellow.
- 4) There was No crash cart for emergencies such as Laura's. Much time was wasted as he rummaged through his office looking for something to help my daughter, BEFORE he called 911 according to the EMTs.

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- 5) There were No safety procedures set in place for emergencies.
- 6) No one in the office was certified in CPR or ALS (Advanced Life Support),  
Not even the doctor.
- 7) The doctor had No admitting privileges for any hospital anywhere.

A great cover-up followed by the Dr and his employees to hide the facts of my daughter's death to avoid culpability.

When Laura's autopsy report came back, the doctor was charged with Involuntary Manslaughter. He pled guilty and went to jail on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of my daughter Laura's death.

Had Women's Health Clinic and Dr Osathanondh been required by law to maintain medical standards and been inspected, licensed and regulated, there would have been a higher standard of health care given. Certifications would have been maintained and qualified employees hired. Over site is very necessary because there are those that will practice substandard medicine if no governing authority or law is over them.

In Massachusetts, our veterinary clinics are very well regulated and our pets, safer because of it.

As I read thru the Colorado Revised Statues, I find it is the same here.

I humbly ask that we at least give our Colorado daughters, sisters and mothers the same protection. I am against abortion but very much for safe healthcare for women. **I am in support of HB 1128 and ask for you to do the same.**

Thank you for listening today.

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