

Dear Members of the Committee:

Thank you for having me today, my name is Georganne Lovelace, I am the widow of Darryl A. Lovelace. I pray that that this bill can pass so that no one else has to walk this horrific journey of pain as so many have. This bill is geared towards protecting the patient and their families.

Had this bill been in place when Darryl got sick.

1. He would not have been isolated, confused and alone. It is a proven fact that patients who have loved ones around them do better. I was pulled physically by my arm out of the emergency room and told I could not be with him. And rudely told I had to leave the hospital after being told he had a 50/50 chance of survival.
2. I would have been allowed to be there to advocate for him with regard to treatment and care, my husband who was 56 years old and strong and healthy had a physically demanding job as a battery route salesman, and he was depending on me for advocating for him in most circumstances.
3. He and I would have been given informed consent. He did not consent to Remdesivir, or morphine or insulin or so many other drugs which resulted in an inch of paperwork just for the medications given in his medical records over 5 days.
4. He was given insulin shots daily in the stomach and he was NOT a diabetic, but was given it anyways, along with fentanyl, and morphine and other life ending drugs, when his life was not at the end. His second day in the hospital he was fine and texting me, fully alert and sending me selfies, which I still have to this day. The next day he was on the vent and brain dead according to the hospital. The records state from the first day he was admitted that the prognosis was grim and he would be ventilated and would probably not survive. This was before any treatment was even started.
5. He would have been given the medications his family asked for without being mocked. I asked for ivermectin immediately in the ER which we all know is now one of the WHO's topmost essential and safe medications. I was told NO he can't have that since it has to be given early on as soon as they have symptoms. Although many that have taken it have recovered within three days.
6. We could have had the doctor removed who mocked him and ridiculed him in the ER for not having the vaccine and making fun of him for being overweight who stated, "He would not be in this situation now would he if he had been vaccinated and if he had not been overweight." We all know now that Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine along with certain vitamins could have saved his life.

7. Darryl would not have been mentally, or physically abused, had the misuse of restraints and procedures of indignity like taking his temperature rectally had this bill been in place. He was also not allowed to get up to go to the restroom when he was fully alert once he was hydrated. He only went to the hospital because of dehydration. He was forced to remain in restraints and use a bedpan.
8. I would have been informed of all the medications he was given and the side effects, such as Remdesivir which has a black label warning about kidney or liver damage that is supposed to be discussed with the family before administering, which did not happen. The notes say his treatment was discussed extensively with the family, which it was not.
9. The notes in the medical records clearly state that he had an acute kidney injury and his liver enzymes were high. Then he was given Remdesivir anyway, which clearly states that side effects are kidney and liver damage.
10. Darryl would have been given basic care from me in terms of being cleaned and cared for. He would have access to water, which was denied to him because my daughter, who was allowed to visit for only 30 minutes per day said he never had water available and was pointing to his throat asking for water every time she visited. Also he would have the dignity of getting up to go to the bathroom and he would not have been treated like an animal. The notes state he was not to be turned because of the danger of popping his lung and yet then they state he was turned every two hour.
11. If this bill had been in place when Darryl got sick I would not be here speaking to you today. And I wouldn't have had to endure this torturous loneliness and his 10 granddaughters crying in pain every time they visit because Gampi is just gone.
12. I have all of the text messages and selfies he was sending before being put on the ventilator and then brain dead. I hope this bill will pass with compassion for future families so they don't have to endure the horrors that my family has endured.

Thank you for your time. I 100% support this bill.