

June 22, 2004

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We write today to request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss with you your decisions to have Dr. Compton Girdharry and Dr. Sara McBee join you on stage when you were in Ohio on May 25 and in Arkansas on January 26, respectively. At both appearances, you called for limits on the legal rights of medical malpractice victims because of “junk and frivolous lawsuits.”

In Ohio, you called Dr. Girdharry a “guy who’s helping make people’s lives better” and someone we “need in [our] communities.” Three of us are victims of Dr. Girdharry’s negligent medical care. He has repeatedly committed malpractice and your decision to use him as an example of a doctor who has been unfairly sued is outrageous. In fact, we would question why he continues to practice without having ever been disciplined, despite settling approximately eight medical malpractice cases.

In Arkansas, you called Dr McBee’s decision to stop practicing a “direct result of too many junk lawsuits” and used her as an alleged example of a “decent doc” whose experience shows the need to limit victims’ rights. Yet she severely injured our child by providing negligent care. In fact, she later agreed to settle our case--a case which she says you were aware of when you appeared with her.

Each of us brought a lawsuit against our negligent doctor because he or she provided terribly poor care, far below acceptable standards. Our cases were neither “junk” nor “frivolous.” We would like to show you why victims of medical malpractice should not be blamed for malpractice insurance problems that doctors are experiencing. Please contact Lisa Vitale, at ###-###-#####, \*@\*.\*, or the address below, to let us know when and where we can meet with you. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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