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"Keeping Families in Mental Health Crisis"

Dear Rep. Murphy,

I fully support your bill for
overhauling our Mental Health System.
People are not institutionalized for
no reason. In fact, in my experience,
I had difficulty in getting my son
hospitalized when he was getting
out of control with his ~~psych~~
psychizophrenia - even though he had
a history of violence.

He was a very nice, bright
youngster & was in college, hoping
to become an accountant when he
became seriously ill. He was sick
for 20 years - he passed away in 2001.
He make young children take

anti biotics when they need them,
even though they don't want the
meds. Yet we can't force our older
loved ones to take meds - they
most certainly need them, but don't
think they do - And in the throes
of a bad spell can not make that
decision reasonably for them selves.
I think this is a terrible injustice
to these folks.

One of the times my son attacked
me, he was ordered to be hospitalized
for 6 months. Since he was med.
averse, they gave him Prolipin shots
for 6 months + when he got out he
was ordered to show up for 6 more
months of shots. After that, I had
my normal son back. He worked
+ got off disability for one year.

When he was off court order,
he stopped taking meds again

and slid back to his old ways.
Once - his psychiatrist called me
(and the police) to let us know that
he wanted to kill me + even
now he was going to do it!
And still we couldn't get him
committed because "he hadn't
done anything" yet. He even
tape recorded his conversation
about how he would do it!! This
is just so unfair to these folks.
Most parents are trying to help
their loved ones.

I miss the boy he used
to be and I feel so sad about the
life he was forced to lead by our

stupid laws. I could go on & on
about our & his 20 year struggle.

My heart is absolutely broken
yet I am glad he now has peace
and that I don't have to worry
that he will harm anyone else.
And I can go to my grave & not
be concerned about who will
look after him.

I have stopped contributing to
the 3 Mental Health Organizations I
used to contribute to because I think
they are misguided. But I contribute
regularly to the folks in Norristown
State Hosp Hospital - so they have gifts
& spending money

Sincerely, →

PS

The privacy thing is another issue. He can't get information about our loved ones, but they have no privacy problem sending us the bill!