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05/07/10

Re: Your letter dated 05/04/10 regarding the *Florida Pill-Mill Massacres*

Ms. Orcutt and all copied individuals (see page 3),

Ms. Orcutt, in response to your letter of 05/04/10 (copy attached) regarding my letter of 04/30/10 to the FBI requesting that they investigate our state government for its role in the *Florida Pill-Mill Massacres*, I can only state that the legislative actions you cited are far too little and far too late. What is more important, it is a shame that the state's legislature has to do what the Florida Boards of Medicine - M.D. and D.O. - should have done many years ago: protect the people of Florida.

While the corrective actions noted in your letter may be a transitional path from the murder-for-medicine practices that plague our state to that of proper pain-management medicine, these legislative acts still fall critically short of the state-wide emergency orders I had requested of the boards both in 2005 and 2010 (see my letter of 04/30/10 to the FBI). Again, I remind you that in 2000 the boards issued 3 state-wide emergency orders regarding level-III office surgery after only 5 people died from in-office liposuction in 1999. However, to date the boards have not issued a single state-wide emergency order in response to tens of thousands of deaths in our state from prescribed medications: predominantly medications improperly prescribed under the guise of pain-management.

In addition, as you noted, the most forceful of these legislative actions - Florida Senate Bill 2272 - does not even become effective until 10/01/10 and thus allows some 2,000 more Floridians to perish at the hands of drug-dealing physicians licensed by the Florida Medical Boards (based on estimates by the 2009 Broward Pill-Mill Grand Jury Investigation). Under these circumstances, I find it appalling that anyone at the Department of Health, or any other branch of our state government would find your cited legislation laudable action. In fact, I dare say that one would have to go back to the American Indian Wars or perhaps the American Civil War to find a similar circumstance where a U.S. State Government allowed so many needless deaths to occur before it was even willing to take such meager actions as the ones cited in your letter.

Finally, though your letter fails to satisfactorily address, and possibly obfuscates the issues raised in my letter of 04/30/10 to the FBI, it neither diminishes nor ameliorates the need for a complete and thorough investigation into our state government's willful and negligent behavior in allowing the *Florida-Pill-Mill Massacres* to occur and continue for such a long time and at such an immeasurably high cost. Given the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's publicly-published, annual drug death reports which document the escalating and overwhelming nature of this massacre, it is impossible to say that the DOH, Governor Bush or Governor Crist were unaware of this travesty. I find it unimaginable how the DOH or either governor can provide reasonable and satisfactory answers to why they voluntarily chose not to intervene in a meaningful and effectual manner to immediately stem the tides of physician-based, drug-overdose deaths which continue to wash across our state.

In closing, as our state government has acted in such a negligent fashion and blatantly failed to fulfill its mandate to protect all Floridians, I can see no reason why or how it can be trusted to answer in a truthful and meaningful manner for its behavior during the *Florida Pill-Mill Massacres*. Therefore, I still make my request to the FBI that:

“In the name of all those who have wrongly died at the hands of physicians who have been allowed to unethically practice medicine in a lethal manner in Florida, I ask that the FBI investigate and, if applicable, bring to justice all those in our state government who chose not to fulfill their sworn and prescribed duties to protect the people of Florida.”

Sincerely,

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attached: Letter from Diane Orccut dated 05/04/10

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