

TO: Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members

My sister, for whom I am a guardian, lives in a Nursing Facility Mental Health (NFMH) in Eskridge, Kansas. During the past year, I have been **unable to access care** for my sister regarding regular dental care, needed dental surgery, optometry, cataract surgery, podiatry, physical therapy, or any other type of care. **My sister has had no services** during the past year of any kind. I have not been able to perform the duties of a guardian or even check in on her as my beloved sister. **No hugs. No contact. No touch.** No pats on the back. **No time together during an entire year! THIS IS CRIMINAL.** What quality of life does she have? What does she have to look forward to with no family contact?

During the past year, my sister has been **literally locked in her facility**. For approximately three of those twelve months, she was **forced to eat her meals IN HER ROOM ON HER BED**. She was allowed out of her room only twice a week for showers. During that time, she was not allowed to leave her room to walk or exercise. How healthy can that be?!? **No activities. No human contact. No walks. No sunshine. No fresh air.** This sounds like a concentration camp-- not a care facility! WHAT has this world come to?!?

I have delivered birthday and Christmas gifts to the door of her facility, but **have not been allowed access to my sister's facility in a year**. I drive two hours each way and am still not allowed any conversation or access.

My sister is allowed to take a walk twice a week IF the weather is decent while smokers are escorted out of the building five times a day to support their nasty habit. How in the name of Jesus does this make sense? **Depriving an individual of fresh air, sunshine and a daily walk is a crime against humanity and a recipe for covid! These are the EXACT things needed to fight off covid naturally—fresh air, sunshine, and exercise!** It makes NO SENSE!

I am writing to add my testimony in support of SB 303. As a guardian and as a sister, what is happening is absolutely negligent and CRIMINAL.

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