



*"In each loss there is a gain as in every gain there is a loss and with each ending comes a new beginning*

November 4, 2020

The Hon. Brenda K. Sannes  
Northern District of New York  
Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse  
P.O. Box 7336  
Syracuse, NY 13261-7336  
RE: Sharon Frederick

Dear Hon. Sannes:

Sharon Frederick is a 63 year old woman who suffered a brain hemorrhage on September 17, 2020. I understand that Sharon is on a ventilator and nasogastric feeding tube. I understand a declaration of brain death was made on September 21, 2020. It is now November 4, 2020 and Sharon continues to live. We have a rehabilitation facility and Home on site, and we are willing to accept Sharon but she needs to have a tracheotomy and peg feeding tube.

At New Beginnings Community Center we treat several hundred patients a week at our rehabilitation center. We have been assisting patients for 14 years. We also have The Brendan House to place patients like Sharon and ensure that she will receive around-the-clock care that she needs.

My father was on life support in 2007 and in a coma for two months. I fought for him to be treated, thus, my father had the chance to recover and went on to live. Here at New Beginnings, we want the same opportunity for Sharon. We have numerous testimonials of patients who are declared brain dead like Sharon who have recovered. In fact we were taking in a patient last week who was declared brain dead by neurological criteria only, but she died of a cardiac arrest.

I understand that Sharon will be coming in with a death certificate. We have patients coming in with death certificates also. In the case of Jahi MacMath, a death certificate was issued, and she was coming to my center but a hospital decided to take her instead. Here at New beginnings we believe that patients like Sharon deserve a "New Beginning", and it is our mission to provide the best possible treatment and care for traumatically brain injured patients just like her. I thank Your Honor for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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