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“Supporting Fair and Proper Due Process in Medical Peer Review”

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Press release regarding Congressman Albert Wynn Introduction of Congressional Disclosures Protection Act

Semmelweis Society International is a society of doctors, lawyers, and other healthcare specialists who have fallen victim to a healthcare system which is not transparent and chooses profits over patient care. The society's goal has been to demonstrate to the public that hospitals and other health care facilities possess a dirty secret which the public is not aware of. Unlike the public which can be tried through the civil courts, physicians who attempt to improve health care at hospitals can face intimidation, reprisal, and professional assassination without having any access to a civil trial. Healthcare is a big business and they have done an excellent job quashing many attempts to change this current system. Semmelweis is committed to educating the public of these problems and we are thankful for Representative Wynn and many other Congressmen to help us deliver the message that change is necessary for the health and well being of the American public.

Healthcare as we all know is far from perfect as demonstrated by the Institute of Medicine's report of nearly 200,000 unnecessary deaths per year at hospitals.

Ethical physicians have tried to point out for years that problems exist but have faced retaliation, and professional assassination as a result of trying to point out basic errors in many cases.

Unfortunately, if one researches what type of rights doctors have when being retaliated by a hospital; it is clear that physicians along with “enemy combatants” have the same rights when trying to defend themselves when dealing within the administrative law of health care. This is the reality.

Hospitals have found a way of quashing these ethical physicians by calling them “Disruptive” and have used administrative law granted by Congress in 1986 to try to intimidate and destroy these heroic doctors in “closed rooms” instead of in the public forum.

Congressman Wynn's Act, will now give doctors what Semmelweis Society has also wanted for the sake of the public health.; that is accountability for ones action by giving these doctors “due process” in the Federal Courts, not in some “star chamber” where the doctor's future is decided by administrators, economic competitors and those wanting to keep the status quo.

Americans can only fully anticipate to receive the best medical care if and only if doctors know that they have protection afforded them to right a wrong and not face retribution and professional assassination as opposed to looking the other way and allowing the public to suffer unnecessarily.