

Good morning ladies and gentleman. Most of you may have heard of Fata's victims. I would like to take a few moments to properly introduce you to one of his victims...My Mother, Joan Donohue. I want you to know how she LIVED.

My Mother lived for 76 years, raised 3 children, worked up till the time of her diagnosis and cared for my father who was ill for many years, till his death in 2005. Her neighbors became her friends...in her words, she never had a bad neighbor. Her friends became lifelong friends. She was a devoted Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. Her love for her family was never ending. Each child, grandchild and great grandchild shared a deep and personal relationship with her. This relationship was and still is, the foundation of their life.

My Mom had a strong faith and a passion for her Christian values. As a faithful servant, she coordinated religious conferences, retreats, healing ministries, parish missions and local prayer groups. She was an amazing woman whose faith provided her with perseverance and courage in life's more challenging times. Even during the year that she was a patient of Fata's, she was always there to comfort others and pray for them.

My Mom was also very involved in social and political issues. She was a strong supporter of the rights of the unborn, the elderly and the disabled and worked tirelessly advocating on their behalf. If there was a job that needed to be done, Joan Donohue was the person to call. She believed in the importance of actively participating in our political process and worked in local precincts on election day every year. She was even selected to greet President George Bush Sr. on a visit the then President made to Michigan. And like her faith, she wore her patriotism on her sleeve. The only person I know with both an American flag scarf and a red, white and blue elephant scarf which she proudly wore on all the appropriate occasions.

She was also an example of living a healthy lifestyle...ate organically, never used a microwave and supplemented her diet with vitamins, herbs and exercise. So again she did all the "right" and proactive things, but she died a HORRIFIC DEATH September 28th 2010...exactly 1 year after her cancer diagnosis and treatments with Fata began. Having been by my grandparents bedside during their deaths, which had been peaceful end of lives, I had experienced death. But nothing had prepared me for the inhumane suffering and torture of her final days of life and her unspeakable death. I spent 3 years agonizing over the choices that were made with her care and what had gone so horribly wrong.

Then August 2013, Fata's arrest reopened this gaping wound with the missing pieces...SHE NEVER STOOD A CHANCE IN THIS BATTLE, AS SHE WAS BEING POISONED AND TORTURED FOR PERSONAL GREED. Even more heartbreaking was to learn that during the course of her treatment, an oncology nurse had reported Fata to the State of Michigan for administering chemo, neulasta and hydration improperly and that he was harming patients. All allegations that he has now plead guilty to. Had the state of Michigan done a proper investigation, this fraudulent and torturous care would have been stopped. My Mother deserved much better than this...as did all of his patients who continued in his care because they believed that he was a doctor that was accredited and highly regarded expert in his field.

My Mother lived with me for the year she underwent treatment because we were going to do everything that we could to get her well. I researched for countless hours and questioned Fata's protocol with my Mother on many occasions. I questioned "why" she needed to continue chemotherapy after she was declared to be "a miracle in remission" by him. He stated that she had a very aggressive cancer that would become untreatable if she stopped chemo and then he wouldn't be able to save her. I now know, he told this to many patients. He diagnosed my Mom with triple negative breast cancer. Sadly, I now know that the chemotherapy drug he used

during the last month of her life, wasn't even a drug used for breast cancer...he had her on a 24 hour drip of a drug used for patients with colon cancer. Several times when I had researched and questioned his treatment, he asked if I had fellowshiped at Sloan Kettering like he had...which of course I hadn't, so I deferred to the Doctor. The title of Doctor allowed him to intimidate me. In a sad twist of irony, at this same time, Angela was reporting him to the State of Michigan to stop him from harming patients. She reported him in April 2010, before my mothers treatment went from bad to worse.

I also believe that other doctors were aware and turned their heads in the name of greed. I know that he was reported to the head of oncology at St Joes hospital, the hospital where my Mother went several times during that year, and nothing was done. Not to mention the fluid biopsy that "disappeared" from that same hospital. Let's not forget the doctor that headed up the medical review board for our own State. I suspect that greed, not just cronyism, caused him to turn a blind eye. The Title of Dr. carries with it someone that you need to trust with your care more so than any other profession, so when they have violated this trust and have failed in their oath, they no longer deserve this title of trust and distinction.

I implore the State of Michigan adopt this bill, but not to stop there. LARA and the investigation process need to be fixed, starting with the release of what did or did not take place during their alleged investigation into the practices of Farid Fata. Fata has now admitted his guilt, so using the excuse that no complaint was issued by the State in regards to Angela's allegation, no longer stands...He is a guilty man...guilty of Angela's allegations, who no longer deserves the title of doctor or the protection of privacy regarding any and all allegations that were made to the State of Michigan. I know that my Mother would have stood up for you, if your life had been so tragically violated.

I would like to thank Rep Jeff Farrington for the empathy and compassion he has shown the "victims of Fata" group, when we felt like nobody cared. God Bless You! I beg for each of you, to give hope to my mother's grandchildren, who struggle daily with the unthinkable and preventable loss that has so devastated all of us. Please don't let all the years that my Mother inspired them with her faith and her belief in our country give way to the cynicism that we feel today. Do not let her death, and all the dearly loved victims death's be in vain... you were elected to serve and protect. .

Thank you ,

