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My name is June Likourinou. I have been a Registered Nurse in Las Vegas for 29 years, the past 6 years I have worked as a School Nurse for Clark County School District. Working Pediatrics for many years, I have never witnessed such lack of expertise and medical care in Las Vegas, until my daughter received it over the last 1 ½ years. My goal is to possibly enact a law to protect Nevada's adults and children from what happened to our child, Juliana Likourinou.

Las Vegas physicians were not able to diagnose Juliana accurately for 1 1/2 years and my health insurance company was a part of this problem as well, with denying her needed medical care out of state.

I have heard many similar stories from parents of ill children and from adult NV residents. My suggestion would be for a law to be in place that would limit Nevada physicians, and healthcare insurance companies that operate Nevada, to a timeline of one year for children, and adults.

After one year of misdiagnoses, or if physicians are not able to accurately diagnose and provide a treatment plan, the physician would need to refer that child out-of-state for an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan from specialty healthcare centers i.e., Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, or Mayo Clinics. Health Insurance companies would also need to follow this law as well, and approve out-of-state medical care for these children and adults who continue to become more ill with no treatment plan.

Our child finally received her diagnosis from Mayo Clinic in March of this year, with a treatment plan for her diagnosis of Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, (POTS). Her high heart rate and relentless abdominal pain she had for 1 1/2 years has debilitated her. Juliana has not been able to attend school for the last two school years, since she was 14 years old, due to too many misdiagnoses by her physicians in Las Vegas.

The negative financial impact continues with our family finances due to Teachers Health Trust continuing to deny her care out-of-state from Cleveland Clinic last summer & Mayo Clinic this past March, April & June.

Juliana will continue to need out-of-state care from her Neurologist that specializes in POTS, and also orchestrates her care with other specialty MD's such as her Gastroenterologist, Urologist, Gynecologist, and Ophthalmologist. POTS has now affected all of these body systems. We had a child that was strong, happy, loved the outdoors and sports and now have a weak child that can no longer jump on her trampoline, or sustain any physical activity. Juliana requires frequent rest after attempts of any physical activity. POTS patients with GI pain are sicker kids, and Juliana now has more than her heart and GI systems involved.

I wrote to US Senator, Harry Reid and just received a response from him. He stated he would support this law if it goes through Legislation. I have asked for direction at the Healthcare Legislation meetings on who to contact to start this process for the past several months.

Senator Patrician Farley is currently assisting me with the appeal's process with Teacher's Health Trust. I am here today to ask for direction from you of who to contact, to initiate the process of how to enact a law to protect Nevada adults and children.

Thank you for your time,

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