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Dear Friend:

As you are probably aware, about 100,000 Americans a year die from medical mistakes every year. According to media accounts, these deaths were preventable. This statistic does not include those impaired or disabled in major life activities due to medical negligence. In a country with the best medical training in the entire world, this statistic is shocking. While the causes of medical malpractice are varied, most of the cases we see are a result of a health care provider's failure to react appropriately to the obvious signs & symptoms which the patient presents.

In the media, you never hear the patient's side of the story. You hear about raising medical malpractice insurance premiums as driving doctors out of practice. This is attributed to "big" verdicts, where the implication is left that such verdicts are unreasonable, without any discussion of the merits of such cases. What the media does not say is that there is no empirical data to support a relationship between large verdicts and rising premiums for the doctors. In truth, empirical, objective studies have shown that there is no relationship between the verdicts and the cost of malpractice insurance coverage. There is however, a decided relationship between lost profits of the malpractice carriers due to investment losses and larger premiums to the doctors to ensure that profit levels for the carriers remain robust.

Appended is a partial list of recent malpractice cases compiled by the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association in opposition to the malpractice carrier and physician effort to further restrict jury verdicts in Maryland and otherwise impair a fair legal determination by juries of the merits on any given case.

If I can assist you, your family, or friends in determining whether a malpractice case should be brought, please call me. As many of you know, I and my firm have been litigating these cases for many, many years in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia and as many of our clients can attest, have achieved outstanding results. Do not hesitate to call me if you think I can be of service.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially,

