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My husband's medical license was unjustly revoked by the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) in April 2010 and now we learn of their proposal for more power. OMB already has very minimal oversight and does whatever it pleases. Although it may be too late to reverse the harm done to our young family, I felt it my public duty to inform you about my experience with OMB and the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ). My husband's appeal was denied in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit last year. There appears to be no way of correcting this harm done here in Oregon by the medical board. However, you need to vote "NO" on SB 279. We have found no justice in the State of Oregon after exhausting our legal remedies and now experience the full weight of the injustice and grievous harm inflicted by OMB. My husband has fought hard and sacrificed himself and our family to fight this battle. It has inflicted wounds that only God can heal.

In December 2005 I went to work as a receptionist in the medical office of the kind, honest and loving man who would become my husband. We recognized early in the course of our employer-employee relationship that we wanted to consider more than just friendship in the future by way of a traditional courtship when the time was right. I had grown up in a family that recognized Christian values. So, I honored tradition by avoiding any dating until my family recognized and approved. Dr. Ogle became a friend of my family as he had with many of his patients in a small Oregon town known as Sweet Home. Although he was never considered my primary physician, I sought his advice on several occasions concerning alternative therapies such as a vitamin-mineral I.V. which I received one time and quickly recovered from a flu-like illness. During the time that I was a health care staff member of Dr. Ogle, he always conducted himself with the utmost respect and trust necessary in a professional relationship. In the ensuing months after my initial employment, Dr. Ogle informed his patients as well as me that he intended to close his practice in Sweet Home, Oregon in order to dedicate full time to his second practice in Portland. We enjoyed our friendship and working together and considered the idea of dating after he closed his practice. We had communicated via email over many months, but never exceeded beyond the words of spiritual affection we expressed in our personal emails.

In July 2006, Dr. Ogle closed his Sweet Home office in order to dedicate full time to his practice in Portland. However, when my family became aware of our intention to remain friends and start courting, they actively disapproved such that I was forced to move out of my home for fear of my safety. I moved to Portland where I found employment in a medical office and began living on my own in Hillsboro. Despite the sadness we both felt for my family's disapproval, David and I started dating.

At Thanksgiving in November of 2006, David proposed and I accepted. We married in January 2007. Despite invitations to the wedding, my mother and step-father did not attend. It was a joyous day, yet sad in reference to my family.

Life continued for David and me as newlyweds, and all things considered, we were happy and thinking about starting a family. His medical practice in Portland was growing in a new location and building. In spite of the estrangement of my family, I attempted to maintain contact with them. I had no idea at that time they were being coerced by the Oregon Medical Board with the intention of depriving David of his medical license and my happiness.

The Oregon Medical Board coerced and pressured my family to file a complaint and provide stolen emails between my husband and me before we were married. These personal emails were taken by a family member without permission. They simply and innocently displayed our private affections. Thus, OMB violated our constitutional rights in their zealous pursuit to deprive him of his medical property.

The Oregon Medical Board actively carried out a vendetta to deprive David of his medical license property since late 2003 due to his practice of family medicine with alternative and nutritional approaches, and finally had obtained the complaint they believed they could use to fabricate their case of deprivation of his medical profession, medical license, medical property and livelihood, all under the color of law, by utilizing State of Oregon administrative law with impunity. The OMB, the State and all its judges advocate they are immune under the law which is in distinct contradiction to the intent of the framers of our Constitution of the United States of America.

All this has taken a toll on our young marriage. The OMB alleged sexual misconduct, unprofessional and dishonorable conduct where there was none. They accused him of allowing an assistant to practice medicine by permitting the use of AP (Applied Kinesiology) along with PN (Provocative Neutralization), practices that are common in clinics across the United States and recognized increasingly for reimbursement by insurance companies across America.

During the administrative law process that masqueraded as a "trial", the Assistant Attorney General demeaned my character as naïve and immature and maintained that I was incompetent in my decision processes at the time of my relationship with David despite evidence to the contrary that we were happily married. Furthermore, neither the OMB nor any attorneys warned or informed David of the dire consequences of deprivation of his medical license, all under the color of law. Even the lady administrative law judge disagreed in her opinion and findings, and her recommendation for only a 6 month suspension was rejected by the OMB. The whole process was a farce, and to add further insult, the OMB filed with the Oregon Department of Revenue (ODOR) to come after us for the "Bill of Costs" (\$34,844.94) for the misery they perpetrated upon us.

I cannot express the emotional and financial harm that the OMB's action has wrecked upon our family, and most of it brought about after we were happily married and through the means of a violation of our God given and U.S. Constitutional rights, "nor be deprived of life, liberty, or <u>property</u> without the due process of law". The Oregon Appellate Court failed to even write an opinion in their three judge panel decision to affirm the OMB decision to destroy my husband's livelihood, career and good reputation. I can still recall the Oregon Assistant Attorney General's arrogance as she stated in her answer to David's brief that "he received all the process he was due".

We have talked more than once with our State Representative and State Senator. Neither of them showed any concern or interest in raising the issue in Salem concerning the aggressive, oppressive, destructive and repugnant behavior of the OMB.

We continue to suffer grievous harm and injustice. David has never even had a malpractice suit in over twenty years in the medical field. In fact, upon first meeting our State Senator, who is also the Chairwoman of the Healthcare Committee, she asked sarcastically, "whom did you kill".

In closing, I am urging you to vote against SB 279. Many folks wonder why doctors are leaving the profession. My husband wants to work again and contribute his God given talents and pay taxes without the harm and destruction that has been imposed upon him by the government, both State of Oregon and Federal which backs up everything the State did in this case such that David cannot work as a physician anywhere in America or the territories. We need your help! Is this the American dream that can be smashed by a State of Oregon Medical Board run amuck?

I hope you will understand what a nightmare this has been for a woman, mother and wife. Can you imagine an America where women have long fought to be treated as equals, that after I was finally able to assert my independence and date a man for the first time it was only to have my independence and freedom attacked by a state agency that has stepped in and taken over the place of my abusive step-father and family? Can you imagine as a woman in America where women are given a voice and allowed to stand up for themselves that a state agency would not interview the patient referenced in its case, assume that because she is young she must be naïve and degrade and demean her in order to accomplish their agenda? Can you imagine as a woman in America where we have long fought to protect our rights and freedom that a state agency would use stolen private communications to base its case upon and display these on their website? Thank-you for listening to my story. It is painful to have to tell it as it draws forth all the memories of wrongful harm done which surely no one would wish to befall their worst enemy, let alone those of us here in America who believe in democracy, freedom and Constitutional rights, both God given and civil.