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Dear Dr. Goehrs:

I am a practicing Radiation Oncologist who trained at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston from 1969 to 1973. I am licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas, although I have lived and practiced in California for the last 20 years.

I believe, absolutely, that our government must protect the public by preventing quacks and unethical purveyors of unproven medical treatments. Cancer patients are particularly vulnerable to victimization by unethical medical and paramedical so-called "professionals".

However, conventional medicine has significant shortcomings in dealing with many medical problems. There are major side effects associated with chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and surgical approaches which should not be pursued when poorly tolerated in patients who are incurable by conventional modalities. I firmly believe that patients should have a choice to accept non-toxic therapy if such therapy has shown at least some efficacy. The National Cancer Institute has recognized anti-tumor activity in Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski's antineoplaston therapy. I have communicated with a Medical Oncologist who has reviewed records of his patients treated with this program and has documented activity. The NCI is planning to study this therapy very shortly.

My good friend and patient, Elaine Rubenstein, has been treated with antineoplaston A10 and AS2-1 therapy after an initial trial of Platinum and VP-16. She tolerated conventional chemotherapy very poorly, with minimal disease response. She has been stable on Dr. Burzynski's treatment and feels better than she has in months. To deprive a patient like this of the ability to continue treatment by withdrawing Dr. Burzynski's license is wrong.

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I understand that a "fast track" for permitting AIDS therapies has been approved by the government. Surely, this setting is comparable and trials should be available with much less time-consuming and expensive preliminary testing.

I know your Board has a very difficult matter in considering these appeals. I am hopeful that this matter can be resolved without greater harm being done to many unfortunate individuals who have incurable cancer.

Sincefely

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cc: Stanislaw Burzynski, M.D.