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Governor Ron DeSantis
Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, a national, patient-centered, health freedom organization, is calling on you to **veto the bill extending Covid liability immunity to hospitals for 18 more months (SB7014/HB 7021)**. We understand that if you do not specifically veto the bill, it becomes law.

Hospitals have become “non-treatment centers” for COVID-19. Real, life-saving, and effective treatment is often only available outside of the hospital – unless you’re a patient at the hospital where Dr. Joseph Varon, M.D. is providing treatment for Covid in Houston, Texas. Dr. Paul Marik, M.D., in Virginia, had effectively treated ICU patients with a mortality rate of about 50 percent – much lower than the national 80 percent mortality rate – before the hospital prohibited the use of ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, and other medications he had prescribed.

The hospital has become a dangerous place for Covid patients.

The only “treatments” available to most patients are remdesivir and mechanical ventilation. Remdesivir targets replicating cells. However, because it is usually given long after the virus stops replicating, it targets good replicating cells, often leading to organ failure. Additionally, mechanical ventilation is a virtual death sentence for most patients. Furthermore, the stories of poor care, inadequate hydration, lack of nutrition, and prohibitions on family member access or involvement are shocking. Hospitals have essentially become prisons for too many Covid patients. Families are forced to sue hospitals simply to have the freedom to move their loved one to another facility or to receive ivermectin. You may be familiar with the case in Chicago where a patient’s family successfully sued to get ivermectin for the ventilated patient. The patient left the hospital about 15 days later, breathing without assistance.

Hospitals should not have liability protections for refusing to provide patients with appropriate, effective care for COVID-19. Too many patients have lost their lives because hospitals limited care to restrictive, ineffective, harmful, corporate protocols.

REQUEST: We urge you to swiftly veto the bill before you — **SB 7014 / HB 7021.**

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request. No more patients should be forced to face the dangers of irresponsible hospitals that do not have the patient’s life and best interest in mind.

Sincerely,

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