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Face to Face in Washington D.C.

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

I just got back from Washington, D.C. where I gave a presentation on the topic: “Comparative Effectiveness Research: Rationing Care or Improving Quality?”

State legislators from all over the country were in the audience.

I focused on the phrase “health care quality” and the word “evidence.” I explained how these terms—which government plans to use to rationalize health care rationing—are not easily defined. So-called “evidence” can be biased or limited, and everyone has their own definition of quality.

I received lots of positive feedback. One legislator thanked me for giving him exactly what he needed at just the right time. The Alaska health department wants to put a definition of ‘evidence-based’ medicine in statute—and now he knows the danger.

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