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*Above: CCHF President and Co-
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CCHF Makes Waves on Capitol Hill

By Kristin Matheny, MPA, Communications Specialist

I hope this article demonstrates how much you are accomplishing with your gifts to CCHF.

In June, CCHF’s President and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with a long list of congressional staffers and Members, including **U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Congressman Pete Stauber (R-MN)**.

In the U.S. Capitol, we met with Speaker McCarthy’s lead health care policy staffers. Hearing that Americans have to pay back Medicare and Social Security benefits if they disenroll from Medicare precipitated a flurry of text messages to other staffers as we sat at the conference table.

Upon arrival, we hit the ground running – quite literally – with six requests on our agenda:

1. Reintroducing the **Retirement Freedom Act** to separate Social Security from Medicare
2. Repealing the **Unique Patient Identifier** (tracking number)
3. Protecting **Baby DNA** by requiring parental consent
4. Opposing **Social Determinants of Health** by a “search and destroy” maneuver to eliminate this “woke” language from all bills in many issue areas
5. Reforming **HIPAA** to make it the privacy rule people think it is

Finally, we requested the deletion of a section of the **Affordable Care Act**, which would restore affordable, free-market medicine. We asked them to repeal the ACA’s prohibition against catastrophic coverage – medical indemnity policies – insurance that **pays you**, the patient, so that **YOU** have control over every decision

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and full choice of doctors, hospitals, treatments, and medications.

These four jam-packed days were only possible because your financial support allowed us to buy the airline tickets, book the hotel, take the taxis, and print everything we needed to make our points. Your support also gave us the staff time needed to secure these 18 appointments. In short, we wouldn't have been there without you.

During one meeting, a Senate staffer remarked that CCHF **"should come to Washington more often."** We wholeheartedly agree! Another staffer called us **"a breath of fresh air"** because we didn't ask for \$10 million. Twila responded, "No, we're just asking for freedom."

The fight for health freedom is at the heart of the fight for liberty.

Standing on the Capitol steps, I could not help but feel a palpable connection to the brave Founders of this nation who took an intrepid stand for freedom, inspiring us to never allow it to be taken away.

As we dashed around Capitol Hill, it also became clear that we are so much more than a think tank. As Twila says, we are a **"do tank."** Because of you, the CCHF team is not just explaining complex health care policy and sharing information with the public. We are **"boots on the ground,"** targeting unconstitutional policies and securing legislative wins across America.

As I reflect upon my new communications role at CCHF, I am

grateful that I am able to be a part of this fight to protect patient and doctor freedom. CCHF is forging a path for generations to come and I'm glad to be a part of it — and I'm glad that YOU are a part of it.

We know that establishing these connections on Capitol Hill is critical to CCHF's mission. **Thank you for believing in this mission as fervently as we do.**

You are making a difference in living rooms, emergency rooms, and doctors' offices. Together with you, we are arming patients, nurses, and doctors with the tools they need to stand strong and make their own informed health care decisions. The CCHF team is grateful for all YOU are doing to win this battle for health freedom.

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A Letter From The President

Henrietta Lacks, a black woman, was diagnosed with cancer in 1951. When her doctor discovered her cells didn't die when cultured, he realized he had a treasure. Without her knowledge, he harvested and sold them. Drug companies have earned significant profits from the "immortal" HeLa cell line. Henrietta got nothing. She died shortly thereafter.

sell your tissue, DNA, genetic test results, and genome—if they "deidentify" it. But there's no definition for "deidentify" and your data cannot be anonymized. In short, the Coalition wants property rights to you.

In 2021, their bill passed in California, then Arizona and Utah, and this year in Minnesota despite our opposition.

On August 1, 2023, the Lacks family reached an undisclosed settlement with Thermo Fischer Scientific. They already had an agreement with the National Institutes of Health limiting how the cell line can be used.

But in Montana, the tables were turned. **State Senator Daniel Zolnikov (R)** received an article quoting me and contacted me by email one evening. He wanted help with the Coalition's bill. I told him, "It's not a privacy bill." He knew that and wanted me to help him make it one. So, I began redlining the bill that very night, providing rationale for each suggested change. We went back and forth for four days. **Success!** Senate Bill 351 passed the House and the Senate, and despite opposition from the Coalition, tech companies, and the Lt. Governor, became law on June 7th. I got the good news while Kristin and I were in Washington, D.C.

In the 1970s, a different doctor harvested **John Moore's** unusual leukemia cells for 7 years. As OrlandoWeekly reports, Dr. Golde "cultured a cell line he called the 'Mo' line. He patented the Mo line, and the rights later were sold to a Swiss pharmaceutical giant [Sandoz] for \$15 million. The Mo line has since generated more than \$3 billion in sales." When Moore figured it out, he sued, but the judge deemed he had no property rights and granting such would chill medical research. Moore died in 2001.

In 2003, CCHF discovered the secret state storage and sharing of "Baby DNA." Your support for our work has led to litigation, regulatory changes, and a temporary federal parental consent law. Protecting the right to genetic ownership and genetic privacy recognizes each human as a person, not property. **Thank you for making this critical and groundbreaking work happen!**

Today, direct-to-consumer DNA testing companies are pursuing ownership rights to the DNA you leave behind. The Coalition for Genetic Data Protection (**23andMe**, Ancestry.com, and Helix), is traveling state to state with a "Genetic Information Privacy Act," which is a DNA grab.

Their bill would give them the right to share, use, analyze, and

IN THE NEWS



June

"State law offers 'real' protection for genetic info" — Chris Woodward, American Family News, 6/20/23

"COVID Vaccination Study, the Deception of HIPAA, and Medicare Advantage Problems" — The Tenpenny Files with Dr. Sherri Tenpenny, 6/26/23

Commentary: "Why Do Doctors Ignore Patient Feedback?" — Kevin Stone, Heartland Health Care News, 6/28/23

July

"Congress Moves to Protect Abortion with New Privacy Rules" — AnneMarie Schieber, Heartland Health Care News, 7/17/23

"Affirmative Action in Health Care and Biden's Unlawful Reproductive Health Care Rule" — CrossTalk - VCY America with Jim Schneider, 7/17/23

August

"Sen. Paul's Criminal Referral of Dr. Fauci, Biden's Unlawful Reproductive Health Care Rule, Biden's New Pandemic Office" — Financial Issues with Shana Burt, 8/2/23

"Affirmative Action in Health Care, Biden's Unlawful Reproductive Health Care Rule, HIPAA, and The Wedge" — The Liberty Sentinel with Alex Newman, 8/3/23

"Genetic Ownership" — Real Talk with Faune Riggan (Missouri), 8/11/23



Twila moderated a legislative panel discussion on health care policy at Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) Revolution 2023 Conference in FL

BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR HEALTH FREEDOM

By Matt Flanders, Legislative and Policy Director

After working for CCHF remotely from Colorado for three years, I have returned to Minnesota as CCHF's Legislative and Policy Director. I look forward to working with you, Twila, and the rest of the CCHF team to advance legislative and policy initiatives at the state level and in Washington, D.C.

As I step back into this role, I will work to continue the momentum that CCHF has built over the past few years. Summer has brought renewed energy and exciting opportunities to spread our message of health freedom.

Two weeks after Twila and Kristin were in D.C. asking Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL) to reintroduce the **Retirement Freedom Act**, we heard that they planned to introduce the bills this fall. CCHF also found more sponsors for the bill while in D.C.

In June, Twila joined me at the Direct Primary Care Conference as exhibitors. We spoke with about 100 doctors, some already part of The WEDGE. One Wedge doctor remarked that other groups are trying to do what we do, **but the ONLY one he ever gets patients from is The WEDGE!**

July was a productive month. For example, Twila spoke at the Minnesota Student Senate to young adults who were alarmed by hearing the truth about HIPAA.

July presentations ended with a speech in Saint Augusta, MN and a webinar by Twila for Mask Off Minnesota entitled, **"The Pandemic is Over, But the Public Health Powers Are Not."** She shared the bipartisan history of giving unconstitutional public health powers to the CDC, bureaucrats, and the governor.

In August, Twila and I traveled to Florida for the Young Americans for Liberty 2023 Revolution conference with over **1000 young people and 140 legislators** from around the country. This event was a wonderful opportunity to gain awareness for CCHF and to share our legislative initiatives with state legislators in attendance.

At the conference, Twila led a legislative health policy panel where we also handed out information packets to around 50 Hazlitt Coalition legislators. Over the weekend, Twila and I had conversations with legislators from Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, New Hampshire, Ohio, Idaho, Michigan, and more.

As we've done since our first invitation to present at Hazlitt almost two years ago, we will pursue these members to work

with them to advance freedom-focused legislation in their states. For example, we will be setting up a virtual meeting with the **Vice Chair of the New Hampshire Health and Human Services Committee** who wants to work with us on a bill for true, informed patient consent in her state.

I also spoke with legislators who were very interested in our price transparency bill, which we have made available online in our Model State Legislative Library.

We look back on this summer as a resounding success because we were able to make powerful connections across the country.

In the coming months, (during our biggest fundraising season) I will be assisting Twila and Stephanie with fundraising activities and helping to build working relationships with donors while also advancing our legislative priorities in a variety of states. Twila and I are planning another trip to Washington, D.C. in October to continue the progress we made in June.

Thank you for being on the frontlines with us. All of these successes and the momentum we've built are only possible because you've engaged with CCHF to fight for health freedom.

Thank you!



Twila with Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN) in Washington, D.C.



Twila and Kristin met with U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) to discuss COVID and CCHF initiatives



Stephanie and Twila joined former MN state Sen. Dan Hall at the Rededication of the Minnesota State Capitol



Twila and Matt caught up with presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy at the YAL Revolution 2023 Conference and discussed health care policy



Attendees bought books at an event in Saint Augusta, Minnesota



State legislators from IN, ID, and OH with Twila at the YAL Conference



Matt discussed The WEDGE with Dr. Jack Forbush, DO at DPC Conference

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Judge Blasts Biden for “Orwellian” Act

July 18, 2023

On Independence Day, a federal judge said the Biden administration likely violated the First Amendment by censoring unfavorable views on social media regarding COVID-19 shots, mask mandates, lockdowns and more. He called the administration's effort to shut down free speech “Orwellian.”

The judge also temporarily barred federal officials, including all employees of the Justice Department and the FBI, from almost all contact with social media companies. He called the “targeted suppression of conservative ideas” “a perfect example of viewpoint discrimination of political speech.”

Although Biden in 2021 charged Facebook with killing people by including anti-vax information, how many people's deaths were caused by Biden censoring early treatment?

“Judge limits Biden administration contact with social media firms,” Matt Berg and Josh Gerstein, POLITICO, July 4, 2023: <https://bit.ly/3YLNd7u>

In Case You Missed It

Major Legislative Win in Montana!

On June 7th, Montana Governor Greg Gianforte (R) signed SB 351, the **Genetic Privacy Information Act**, into law. Companies like Ancestry.com and 23andMe must now obtain consent before sharing genetic data with third parties. Introduced by Montana state **Senator Daniel Zolnikov** (R-Billings), who contacted CCHF's president Twila Brase to assist in making the bill a real genetic privacy bill, this law ensures that Montanans will maintain control over their genetic material, advancing genetic privacy rights nationwide.



Action Alert!

Want to advance health freedom today? With just a few clicks, you can tell your representatives in Congress to oppose Biden's UNLAWFUL and HARMFUL proposed reproductive health care rule. Congress should hold a hearing. Share this vital campaign with your friends and family. Go to bit.ly/StopBidensProposal



Meet CCHF's New Donor Relations Manager

Stephanie Auran joins CCHF in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Prior to joining CCHF, she served in the staffing industry as an Account Manager and Recruiter directly supporting Fortune 500 companies. She has worked with her local party and campaigns and is the first veteran to join the CCHF team. She is excited about growing the health freedom movement by partnering with current and new donors and sharing details of CCHF's efforts, wins, and goals.



WATCH: New Animated Video for The WEDGE

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“Science does not exist without the free exchange of ideas.”

– Dr. Scott Atlas, MD, 8/10/23

“It’s not just public health agencies, but other agencies inside the federal government work to suppress the speech of Americans.”

– Dr. Jay Bhattacharya MD, PhD, 5/23/23

“The Bonfire of Credibility will haunt public health for decades.”

– Dr. David McCune, MD, MPH, 7/12/23

“Future care is virtual care...”

– Dr. Jag Singh, MD, 6/13/23

“We are subconsciously using reimbursement as a proxy for medical standards, and that further limits treatments we can provide.”

– Catriona Hong, Medical Student, 6/27/23

“...I do not want bad news medically. I want that from a doctor. I don’t want it from a machine.”

– Meredith Broussard, AI Researcher, 8/16/23