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Dear Sir or Madam.

Re: Dr. Serafina Corsello Affidavit

I am writing in support of Dr. Serafina Corsello a wonderful, caring, innovative doctor I have known since 1989. I am outraged at the accusations that you have charged her with and I think that this case needs to be reviewed and all charged removed from her good name. I have been a patient of Dr. Corsello's over the years and she helped me to achieve my health back when orthodox medicine had abused me during a prolonged illness of Lyme Disease. After reading the charges against Dr. Corsello I believe that the allegations against her are completely false and that the patients that leveled these allegations never gave the treatment program the appropriate time and thought to be effective.

I, a long time resident of New York City and an active young woman, moved to Long Island in 1977. During my first summer on Long Island I spent a great amount of time on Fire Island not knowing at the time that the Island was infested with deer ticks that carried the bacterial disease Lyme Disease. I was young, beautiful and full of life and spent many days at the beaches there. At the age of 23, only a year after moving to Long Island I became ill with the most unusual symptoms. I was unable to function and then I had sudden deafness in my ear in 6 days when I never had a day of ear problems in my life. The doctors told me it was a virus in the nerve of my ear. Then I developed severe pain in both my knees and then pleurisy in my lungs. By the age of 27 years it seemed that I was destined to continual pain and unusual unaccountable illnesses that seemed to come and go without explanation.

Depression was something I faced and overcame without drugs since I was never someone who believed in over-medicating myself. I lived in faith that I would and could overcome this. I carried 5 pregnancies of which only 2 children survived. Then my 2 year old son was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis in 1987. I became accustomed to bad news about myself but I was damned if I was going to allow my young son to be drugged to death with medications for arthritis. I was used and abused by the orthodox medical community for years and I was ready to find the answers as to what was going on in my life and the life of my child. In my research and quest for answers in 1987 I found Doctors at Stony Brook University Hospital on Long Island and both Phillip and I were diagnosed with Lyme Disease by the Lyme Disease clinic in the medical center. I was severely sick since I was probably bitten back in 1977 and began antibiotic treatment immediately. That was in August of 1987 I continued on treatment by orthodox methods with huge doses of antibiotics both oral and intravenously till May 1989. By the Spring of 1989 I knew that this could not go on with the doctors who treated only symptoms and not the underlying problems. I was getting better from the Lyme symptoms but began to have other chronic disease processes like stomach and allergy symptoms. I was totally exhausted from the Lyme Disease and I, being an intelligent, reflective and diligent mother, I sought out holistic treatment. I did my homework, I read everything I could on the Immune system and studied all the books I could find on the subject of healing, nutrition and alternative progressive medicine. I

was tired of the abuse given to me by the Orthodox community of doctors who only prescribed drugs for everything. I was tired of having my body broken into a million parts and then referred to doctors for each part. Instead of integrating all of me, these negligent drug peddlers just pushed the problems onto other colleagues who never discussed Karen D'Onofrio among themselves. Instead they sought to label me so I sought out a doctor who used innovative intelligent ways to diagnose and treat my body.

The nerve of the OPMC to dictate your medicine to everyone. Sometimes your medicine does not work for those of US that need to heat our immune systems. YOW" drugs only mask the problems they do not correct the underlying diseases. You condemn the doctors who use innovation and complete testing and holistic methods utilizing vitamins herbs and enzymes because they do not benefit the drug companies. Doctor Serafina Corsello is an innovator she is not a God as some doctors pretend to be. Patients who use holistic treatment need to become a doctor-patient team, these people need to become interested in their health and become proactive partners with the doctor. She is a progressive innovator who speaks the truth she does not claim to be~ she enlists the patient to be proactive in their health thereby creating excellent patient doctor relationships. She tests for everything to rule out other problems. She looks at her patients as a whole person not like the other doctors who looks at each individual system then refer you to another doctor. This doctor teaches us preventive medicine, this doctor is the future of medicine.

It seems from reading the allegations from the patients in your statement of charges that these people never stuck around long enough to figure this out. Doctor Serafina Corsello is the finest medical practitioner I have ever met. I am a 50 year old women today and because of her caring and nurturing and considerate medicine I have accomplished all I have because of her ability to teach me how to take care of myself without the use of chemical drugs that destroy our bodies. Just look at the scandals involving the drug companies today and Viox. Her innovative methods and her treatment of disease is different then the doctor who pretends to be a Gods masked behind a bottle of pills, while taking kick backs from the drug czars.

I will defend her to the end and I am disgraced to be a citizen in the State of New York with a committee that would take the word of these ignorant patients over the word of intelligent people like those of us who participate in our health care with this caring innovative healer that seeks to move medicine to progressive levels that orthodox medicine cannot even grasp. Wake Up The Dark ages are behind us in Medicine.

I'd like to have the opportunity to meet you and present myself in person. Doctor Serafina Corsello is someone I have high regard for I would like a letter confirming the reinstatement of her license.

Sincerely Yours,

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