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Minister of Health Poland
Minister Konstanty Radziwil

Re: Patient KONRAD KRZEMINSKI

Dear Minister Radziwil

I have become aware of the situation of a patient in your jurisdiction, Konrad Krzeminski, who has been diagnosed with PNH. As a Medical Doctor yourself I do not think an explanation of this disease or its ramifications is required.

I would think that with the current public information available to your citizens you are or should be aware of this file.

Minister Radziwil the treatment for this blood disorder is a drug called Eculizumab. This treatment is supported in many countries around the world including but not limited to, Canada, USA, UK, Australia, Japan and all countries of the EU excluding POLAND and Romania. WHY not Poland? After studies in Blood Journal have concluded and published that "Patients on Eculizumab can expect a life expectancy equal to that of a normal healthy person of the same age and sex" yet POLAND refuses to acknowledge what other countries have already done so.

Minister Radziwil I notice with interest that one of your specific areas of training is Medical Ethics and that you were Chair of the Ethics Committee of the CPME and currently are VP of the CPME. Since all except two countries of the EU have approved the support of PNH treatment can you please explain to me and to the Polish citizens the contradiction of your position with the CPME and your Political position in Poland. Further as a Doctor with a strong background in Ethics how can Poland or more specifically your department put a price on a person's life? Would you be willing to pay 80%, pay 50%, pay 25% for this treatment? What is the price of a life for a Polish citizen?

Minister Radziwil the patient in question is gravely ill. He has had the induction dosage of the only treatment available to give him back his health. The medical reports show that from a LDH of over 3000 in just a few weeks the treatment lowered the LDH into normal range. Is this not proof enough that the treatment is doing what it is intended to do? And yet your Government continues to say NO. WHY?

In a letter received a few weeks ago from the Head of Drugs, Izabela Obarska, she stated that "in view of current legal regulations the Minister of Health does not have the power of making individual decisions etc..." Then WHO holds the decision making power if not you the Minister of Health? Politics or doing what is right for your citizens! An explanation of your actions would be appreciated.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Prime Minister Beata Szydlo. Do either of you want to be in position of having to explain to the citizens of Poland a needless tragedy due to bureaucratic red tape or cost when a life could have been saved, especially when the effectiveness of treatment with this specific patient has been demonstrated? You have "real" evidence from the medical records that the prescribed drug is effective yet you have chosen to hide behind the curtain of "procedure" Beware as time is of the essence. Act on your Ethics training NOW before you have to explain your actions to the public.

As we have little time to spare I expect a positive answer that you have done all in your Government's power to save Konrad's life.

Respectfully yours

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