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The Honorable Mike Bilirakis
U.S. House of Representatives
2269 Rayburn HOB
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[Via Fax: (202) 225-4085]

Re: Terri Schiavo – Ongoing Disability, Civil and Religious Rights Violations

Dear Congressman Bilirakis:

Terri Schiavo, supposedly in a vegetative state, was recently denied Communion by Michael Schiavo because "George Felos, Michael's lead attorney and an assisted suicide advocate, said Michael didn't want 'anyone to do something that would cause Terri distress.'" (Lifenet News, Oct. 19, 2003) **But if Terri is truly "vegetative," how can she possibly feel "distressed?"**

On October 21, 2003, attorney Felos pleaded in his Request for a Temporary Injunction that feeding and providing water to Terri might result in "a physically distressful death." Felos must be confident no one is paying attention. **Again, if Terri is really vegetative, she cannot be physically distressed.**

This is just one contradiction of many in this case. ***If federal laws protecting the handicapped are not enforced in this notorious case, they never will.***

Is Terri Schiavo a victim of spouse abuse?

Forensic pathologist, Dr. Michael Baden, detected evidence of trauma perpetrated on Terri from a bone scan and agreed with Terri's parents that she could have been beaten in 1990, and that it should have been investigated. (10-25-03 Fox TV Greta Sustren interview) Dr. Baden chaired the forensic pathology panel for the Congressional inquiry into the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. King.

Dr. William Hammesfahr, Board Certified Neurologist and Nobel nominee, last year stated in Pinellas Circuit Court that Terri's neck injuries were identical to those of a woman he examined who had been strangled.

W. Campbell Walker, M.D. reported that a 3-5-91 radiograph of Terri disclosed a "compression fracture. ... **The patient has a history of trauma ... The presumption is that the other multiple areas of abnormal activity also relate to previous trauma.**"

