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Wednesday, October 22, 2003

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC
FAX: 202-456-2461

RE: Terri Schiavo's Life Still in Jeopardy

Dear President Bush:

Terri Schiavo who is handicapped continues to experience violations of her Civil Rights which threaten her life and well-being despite passage of a law by the Florida legislature blocking her starvation. (See attached.)

1. Woodside Hospice where Terri was staying ignored Governor Jeb Bush's executive order issued at 5:00 PM to begin nutrition and hydration. Finally at 7:00 PM Woodside authorized Terri's transfer to Morton Plant Hospital.
2. Morton Plant Hospital medical staff in Clearwater also refused to re-insert her feeding tube or provide an IV, claiming they would be sued by Michael Schiavo even though the recently passed Florida statute gave them immunity from suit. Finally they relented at approximately 9:30 PM and inserted an IV.
3. Florida Judge David A. Demers declined to appoint a temporary guardian for Terri to ensure compliance with Governor Bush's executive order.

Former Chief of Staff of Morton Plant Hospital, Dr. Jay Carpenter may be reached at his home to verify the first two points above at 727-443-3470, or his cell at 727-560-4038.

Terri's friends appealed to me last night to intervene for her with Morton Plant hospital. I am not situated to effectively protect Terri's civil rights. Terri's situation requires federal involvement. *Because Terri's husband is still her guardian, Terri's life is still in jeopardy.*

Sincerely,

Bob Marshall

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PS Contact me at delegatebobmarshall@trincomm.org, or 703-361-5416 (home office).