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Dear Dr. Walker:

Please append this letter to my complaint against Life University.

One of your staff mentioned that you were having problems reading the TIFF format files that I emailed. As I told her, the ones referenced in my complaint against Life University have all been mailed to you in hard copy. However, I realize that you did not receive the death certificates for the individuals who may have died as a result of the Life program. As my previous email stated, please contact Dr. Robert Goldberg M.D. J.D. and Dr. Lewis Ho Ph.D. to corroborate the circumstances that led to their deaths. Dr. Goldberg's observations are especially useful because he is an expert in forensic medicine.

According to Dr. Goldberg, my former endocrinology instructor, these deaths are the direct result of violations of the CCE standards, particularly with regards to the unrealistic expectations for care, the demonization of medicine and the opposition to differential diagnosis. Dr. Goldberg was as an instructor in the Life program of physiology and endocrinology between 1993 and 1997. He stated that during his employment the rate of deaths arising from the failure to diagnose student and faculty complaints was extraordinarily high for an institution of higher education. He claims to have witnessed between 1-2 deaths per quarter that he attributes this problem. Dr. Goldberg recounted three incidents where he personally knew the persons involved.

The first case concerned Dr. John Grostic D.C. who was the Director of Research at Life. According to Dr. Goldberg, in May of 1994 he was asked to take over some of Grostic's classes because of his ailing health. Grostic told Goldberg that he had been suffering from a chronic pneumonia-like cough. Goldberg told Grostic that this was a red flag for potential carcinoma and urged him to seek medical attention. Grostic ignored the advice, instead opting to treat the problem with upper cervical adjustments. Unfortunately for Grostic, the condition did turn out to be a tumor. Grostic died on June 27, 1995 from metastatic adenocarcinoma of the lung.

The next case involved Louis Mendez, a Life student in his 10th quarter of classes in the Winter of 1993. According to Dr. Goldberg, Louis lost consciousness outside the library during the week of midterm examinations. Dr. Goldberg rushed to his aid and resuscitated him while emergency personnel were called. The cause of the Louis' death was determined to be undiagnosed atherosclerosis and the resulting cardiac dysrhythmia. Dr. Goldberg also relayed that the fanaticism of the environment is illustrated by Life instructor Harvey Fish D.C.'s (a 1981

Life alumnus) comment criticizing him for not stopping resuscitation to allow someone to adjust Louis' spine which he said may have saved him.

The third incident occurred in 1996 when Julian Ho, a student in the final term of the Life program, died from the effects of undiagnosed diabetes. According to Dr. Goldberg, two weeks before Julian's death Dr. Goldberg spoke to him outside of endocrinology class (Julian was a student in the class) warning Julian that his breath smelled "fruity" and might indicate that he was suffering from diabetic ketoacidosis and urged him to seek immediate medical attention. Julian's father, Dr. Lewis Ho, told me that he had a telephone conversation with Julian a few days prior to his death where Julian complained of excessive thirst and weight loss. Dr. Ho states that Julian attributed the weight loss to dieting but could not understand the reason for his excessive thirst. Dr. Ho urged his son to get medical attention. Julian chose to ignore the second warning and died from untreated new-onset diabetes mellitus. Ironically, Dr. Goldberg taught students in that class the symptoms of diabetes but they appeared unable to integrate the material into their clinical decision making. Dr. Ho's father did not realize the circumstances of his son's death and even established a scholarship at Life in his memory.

I think these cases are germane to your investigation in that they provide tangible examples of the direct effect of the CCE standards violations on the Life community. Please include them with my complaint. Certified copies of the death certificates are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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