

## **With Time Running Out for Erie Patients in Pain, the Pain Relief Network Calls on Senator Specter to Stop The Madness**

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***“I don't care what they say Dr. Heberle did or didn't do. No one can justify destroying all these sick people.”***

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ERIE, PA- Patients from Erie, Pennsylvania gathered in support of their doctor Paul Heberle and to raise the alarm for patients in pain throughout the country.

“I've been shot and I'm in burning pain all the time from it.” says Linwood Newman of Erie. “None of the other doctors will see me because I take 'those meds'. Something has to be done.” Echoing his desperate call for help was Kathleen Long who has been unable to find care since Dr. Heberle's office and home were searched by DEA and Pennsylvania authorities.

“There was a mix up with some lab results a while back and the doctor ended up thinking I was lying to him about my medications. I can prove to him and to anyone that I wasn't lying. But since he said it all over my medical records, no one would see me, until Dr. Heberle. Now I have nowhere to go.”

In a case strongly reminiscent of the other doctor prosecutions PRN President Siobhan Reynolds has witnessed, it appears to her that the authorities have once again targeted one of the few truly attentive and concerned physicians in the community.

“Something is going terribly wrong across the US. Compassionate physicians are being accused of crimes and held responsible for the irresponsible or criminal actions of their patients. A civilized society cannot behave in this manner. Our political leaders owe us better than this; far better.”

Calling upon the Judiciary Committees of both houses of Congress to call an immediate moratorium on this nationwide witch-hunt, Reynolds implored Senator Specter to put the people first, “we are judged by how we treat the least among us” she said, “there is simply no excuse for allowing Federal law enforcement to interfere with the delivery of ethical medicine to Americans in need. These people are in constant and imminent danger of being forced into suicide. It has to stop. And it has to stop now.”

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