

November 18, 2003

To: Bradley Halloran
Hearing Officer IPCB
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Re: Request of Extension of Time for Hearing

Case number 02-164 Citizens Enforcement/Noise

From: Ronald and Barbara Stuart
213 E. Corning Rd.
Beecher, Illinois 60401
708-946-9546

Dear Mr. Halloran,

On Thursday November 15, 2003 my brother in law Donald Stuart was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit at South Suburban Hospital in Hazel crest, Illinois. Donald is the identical twin of my husband Ronald.

The day before he was admitted to a regular floor for what appeared to be a gall bladder problem. Unfortunately Thursday morning he developed more severe pain in the abdominal area, even though he was on a morphine drip he had no relief.

It was discovered through an Ultrasound that he had an acute onset of Pancreatitis non alcohol related. His breathing became rapid and shallow, and his blood pressure quickly dropped. He was now in respiratory distress. After being transferred to the unit, Don was put on a ventilator to save his life. The pancreatitis is severe in nature. Also his kidneys ceased working and he is now on dialysis. His condition is critical/guarded.

With Ron being an identical twin you can only imagine what he is going through. We are at the hospital day and night.

The prognosis is somewhat grim. An infection yesterday set in and is now being addressed. There may have to be some type of emergency intervention with the surgeon. This is still unclear.

If Donald is to survive Pancreatitis it is going to be a very long haul. He will be on the ventilator for at least 3 or more weeks. Then there is dialysis, and addressing the gall stone issue which caused this illness.

I realize you have been so understanding about uncontrollable situations for us in the past. I am truly sorry that I need to ask for an extension of time for a hearing. But at this time we really need to be with our family. All of us are very close. This is undoubtedly the worst ordeal we have ever had to endure. Don is only 52, married and has 4 children.

If it is possible, Mr. Halloran would you please grant us at least a 2 month extension on a hearing date. The doctors tell us it will take Don 3 months to recover from this because the pancreatitis is so severe. There actually is no guarantee he is going to make it through the next three weeks. We are all praying for him. And right now he is in God's hands, and all we can do is wait for the outcome.

We are scheduled to have a teleconference on December 2, 2003. You can tell me at that time if you agree to this request of ours. Or you can call me at my home number, leave a message on my voice mail. Any decision you make will be respected.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause anyone. We will be up at the hospital most of the time. Our cell phone number is 708-846-0516. Thank you for patience. I will be sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Harding attorney for Franklin and Phyllis Fisher, Dorothy Gunn of the IPCB, and to Bobby Petrungarro of the Will County States Attorney office. It will be sent via U.S. postage mail and mailed today the 18th of November, 2003.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stuart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Stuart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.