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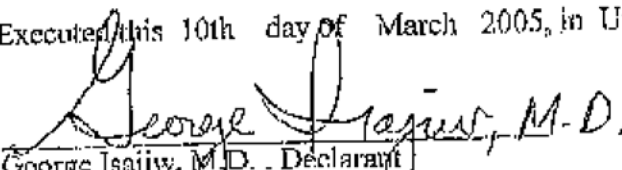
DECLARATION OF George Isajiw, M.D.

I, George Isajiw, M.D., have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently therein under oath. I declare as follows:

1. That I have treated patients like Terri Schiavo in my practice, and that observing the released videos of her responses to stimuli leads me to conclude that Terri is not in a Permanent Vegetative State, but rather in the recently described Minimally Conscious State, and that she is partially aware of her surroundings, and clearly, with that degree of consciousness would suffer intensely from dehydration and starvation.
2. I am aware of recent advances with MRI technology which can easily test Terri's ability to respond to external stimuli and to measure her degree of awareness.
3. It appears that Terri can swallow (at least is clearly swallowing her own saliva), and that modern speech therapy rehabilitation techniques could enhance her ability possibly to the point of full nutrition by mouth without even needing the feeding tube. She should have a complete speech therapy evaluation and swallowing function imaging.
4. It is clearly unethical to base all the legal decisions on the testimony of physicians from several years ago. In my experience, patients like Terri can and do improve over time, and to make any kind of decision about withdrawing sustenance from such a patient based on old evidence, without a current evaluation of her diagnosis and prognosis, is clearly unethical (and could be considered medically negligent in a court of law).

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 10th day of March 2005, in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania


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