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Dear Senator Lehman,

This letter is being written as an appeal and search for aid as to why some methods of cancer investigation and treatment considered in the realm of being unorthodox by organized groups, might be undertaken by an impartial government cancer project. The so-called unorthodox methods I mention are the Lincoln Clinic method, the Hopey treatment and the method of Dr. May Berson who practices right here in New York City.

Many of us fear to have loved one undertake the so-called unorthodox therapy first as their methods are considered quackish by the organized groups for the treatment of cancer. However, after these patients have been surgically mutilated and made to suffer unbearable pain, great effort is then put in to try and help. They cannot be helped anymore. In desperation we look to some of these so-called unorthodox methods and then it really is too late.

I have had the misfortune of having my mother die about a month ago from cancer and going through the bitter above mentioned experiences this has stimulated me to read up on some of these so-called unorthodox methods and I question myself and perhaps you...
may also, as to why don't these methods be investigated openly and fairly. It seems that certain organized medical groups will not give these unorthodox methods a chance to work in the open without harassment, embarrassment, and the undignified name calling of "quackery." Perhaps as a member of the Senate you can champion some small token and impartial government sponsored cancer investigation group to give every orthodox and unorthodox group (as they have been clamoring for it) a prove if they can control or even cure the scourge of cancer as some of them claim they can.

The late Senator Codrey of New Hampshire tried to get an impartial evaluation of his son's unorthodox cancer therapy. However, he died of cancer, and it seems the investigation ceased. The interest in these methods has doubtless had been aroused by the fact that his son was apparently cured of cancer by the unorthodox Lincoln Clinic of Medford, Massachusetts.

Hoping you may bring some light or supporting weight to help in the fight, Senator, and so that research men like Dr. Berenson, method of cancer therapy, can continue unhampered after his untimely death.

Sincerely yours,

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