

**EXHIBIT F**

**Suzie Cochran - Fwd: FW: Public comment for Today's BOP meeting**

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**From:** Suzie Cochran  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Public comment for Today's BOP meeting

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**To:** SOS Exec  
**Subject:** Public comment for Today's BOP meeting

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Dear Sally,

Thank you for giving me the information regarding the BOP meeting. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting, but I would like to submit the following for public comment:

Public Comment:

My family is living in fear regarding the situation with medical care at Ely State Prison. My husband is an inmate there. He has filed a federal lawsuit for denial of treatment, and that is moving through the federal courts. It is unfortunate, in my opinion, that this legal action was necessary at all. We would have preferred to receive medical attention.

On arriving home from a trip, my daughter notified me that she had received mail from my husband and that on March 29, 2008 he has been given the wrong medication. The medication made his heart race and raised his already extremely high blood pressure. Medical staff did admit they had given him the wrong medication, and took his blood pressure once. However, they refused to tell him what his blood pressure was. Furthermore, they would not tell him what the medication was that he had received.

I understand that medicine is not a perfect science. It could be far more perfect, however, than it is at Ely State Prison. I have repeatedly asked Dr. Bannister's office to transfer my husband to High Desert State Prison, as, according to Amy Fettig of the ACLU, happened with other medically fragile inmates that were at ESP. Dr. Bannister has never communicated with me. Instead his secretary tells me that he "doesn't speak to inmates' families".

Our fear is multiplied tenfold by the fact that my husband's visits were suspended in 2005, and have not been reinstated. He gets one fifteen minute call per month and no visits from his family, even though any sanction, according to your own policy, should have been over in 2006. So we can't see him, have very little communication, and to add insult to injury, his outgoing mail is continually being opened, taped back together and held up, so the news we get from him is old as well.

I appreciate your listening to this comment, and if you would like to contact me, please do at any time. I am able to provide documentation on any of the above issues. I have his full medical file, grievances, kites, etc.

Thank you,

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