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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Ben Hansen's FOIA request for the release of documents regarding the prescribing of psychiatric drugs in Michigan. It is my understanding that the Department of Community Health is resisting efforts to make this information available. In my professional opinion, release of this information is crucial for the health and welfare of the citizens and taxpayers of Michigan, and for the purposes of research on the use (and potential overuse) of pharmaceutical treatments in response to emotional disorders and distress.

As a sociologist and social worker who studies the field of mental health and illness, particularly the experience of psychiatric consumers in the mental health system, I am acutely aware of the importance of access to current data regarding psychiatric treatment. These data will provide vital information regarding the prescribing of psychiatric drugs to children and adults, as well as the cost to our Medicaid system and our taxpayers. As long as the confidentiality of individual patients is protected, such data will enhance our ability to understand current prescribing practices, their potential for helping and/or harming the vulnerable populations to whom they are prescribed (or overprescribed), and also to understand the trends of these treatment practices and their costs to the taxpayers of Michigan.

As an educator, I also believe that open access to such information is essential for the education and training of our future health care professionals, as well as others who will be accessing treatment for themselves and their families. The patterns of use and potential overuse of psychiatric treatment are important knowledge that should be treated as a public information and public health issue, not a proprietary issue to be kept from the public, educators and researchers. In addition, given the current budgetary constraints and the rising costs of psychiatric drug treatment, as well as recent revelations concerning the potential harm and risk of premature death related to the use of certain drugs, the release of such information becomes even more important to the public health and the use of public tax dollars.

For all the reasons stated above, I encourage you to grant Mr. Hansen access to the requested documents. Thank you for your attention to this letter. Should you require further information, I can be contacted at 248-370-2501.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Linda J. Morrison'.

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EDUCATION:

University of Pittsburgh:

2003. Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA. Department of Sociology.
Dissertation Title: "Talking Back to Psychiatry: Resistant Identities in the Psychiatric
Consumer/Survivor/Ex-patient Movement." Dissertation Committee: Professors
Kathleen Blee (chair), Mark Ginsburg, John Marx, Joseph Alter.

1998-2001. Center for Bioethics and Health Law, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh
PA. Completed all required coursework and clinical practicum training for M.A. in
Bioethics (all but thesis).

1997. Admitted to Ph.D. candidacy, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA. Department
of Sociology. Comprehensive examinations in Medical Sociology, Sociology of
Deviance, and Qualitative Methods.

1995. M.A., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA. Department of Anthropology.
Thesis title: "Partial Success: In the Trenches of Mental Health Treatment." Thesis
Advisory Committee: Professors Andrew Strathern (chair), Joseph Alter, John Marx.

1985. M.S.W., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA. School of Social Work.
Area of Concentration: Health/Mental Health.

University of Massachusetts:

1975. B.A. University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA. Department of Anthropology,
Summa cum Laude.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2003-present. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Oakland
University, Rochester, MI.

2001-2003. Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Oakland University,
Rochester, MI.

1999-2001. Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA.

1999-2000, 1997-98, 1993-94. Undergraduate Academic Advisor, University of Pittsburgh, College of Arts & Sciences, Pittsburgh PA.

1995-1997. Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology, Pittsburgh PA.

1994-1995. Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology, Pittsburgh PA.

1994. Graduate Student Researcher, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Intelligent Systems, Pittsburgh PA. Migraine Study: Professors Diana Forsythe & Bruce Buchanan.

1992-1993. Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Anthropology, Pittsburgh PA.

TEACHING COMPETENCIES:

Social Welfare Policy
Sociology of Mental Illness
Sociology of Health & Illness
Deviance & Social Control
Current Social Problems
Introduction to Social Work
Theory & Practice of Social Work
Introduction to Sociology

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Power and inequality in helping relationships
Advocacy, voice and representation in mental health system
Changing meanings and uses of "stigma" in mental health system
Recipient inclusion in social policy processes
Collaboration across physical and psychiatric disability rights movements

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

2000. "The Power of Dialogue: Constructive Conversations on Divisive Issues." Three-day training workshop with Public Conversations Project, Watertown MA.

1995. University Seminar on Teaching, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA.

1989. Licensed Social Worker, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1987. Certified ACSW, National Academy of Clinical Social Workers.

1987. "Therapeutic Work with Sexual Assault Survivors." 12-week Mental Health Professional Training, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Pittsburgh PA.

1985-1990. Clinical Social Worker in Community Mental Health, Pittsburgh PA.
Therapist in partial hospital program, adult outpatient, child and family outpatient,
intensive case management, information & referral.

1984-1985. NIMH Training Fellowship: Social Networks and the Chronically Mentally
Ill. Awarded by University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh PA.

1984-1985. Social Work Intern, Southwest Communities Mental Health/Mental
Retardation Centers, Partial Hospital Program, Pittsburgh, PA.

1984. Social Work Intern, Women's Center and Shelter, Pittsburgh, PA

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Honoree (Research), Oakland University Founder's Day Faculty Recognition, 2006.

Recognized Author, Oakland University Celebration of the Book, Kresge Library, 2006.

Oakland University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Service Award,
2005-2006.

Oakland University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Scholarship Award,
2004-2005.

Oakland University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Teaching Award,
2002-2003.

Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Faculty of Arts & Sciences,
1998-1999.

PUBLICATIONS:

Morrison, Linda J. (2007) "Resocialization", pp. 3889-3891 in *The Blackwell
Encyclopedia of Sociology*, ed. George Ritzer. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

Morrison, Linda J. (2006) "A Matter of Definition: Acknowledging Consumer/Survivor
Experiences through Narrative." *Radical Psychology: A Journal of Psychology, Politics,
and Radicalism*, Volume Five. <http://www.radpsynet.org/journal/vol5/Morrison.html>

Morrison, Linda J. (2005). *Talking Back to Psychiatry: The Consumer/Survivor/Ex-
Patient Movement*. NY: Routledge.

Morrison, Linda. (2005) "Sociology and Narrative." Pp. 548-550 in *The Routledge
Encyclopedia of Narrative Theory*, eds. David Herman, Manfred Jahn, and Marie-Laure
Ryan. London: Routledge.

Morrison, Linda (2001). "Committing Social Change for Psychiatric Patients: The
Consumer/Survivor Movement," *Humanity and Society*, 24:4: 389-404.

Morrison, Linda (1999). "Pioneer Dialogues: Advancing Consumer-Provider Relations," *Community Psychiatrist*, 13(1):4,11.

Morrison, Linda (1996). 'Relating to Consumer Activists – A New Approach?' *Community Psychiatrist*, 10(4):10.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

"Framing Legitimacy: Activist Research in the Psychiatric Consumer/Survivor Movement." *Open Minds: Cultural, Critical, and Activist Perspectives on Psychiatry*. Conference at New York University, NY, September 2006. Invited.

"Toward 'Just Practices': Using Peer-Delivered Community-Based Evaluation to Include Diverse Voices in Systems Change." *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings*, Montréal, PQ, Canada, August 2006.

"Talking Back to Psychiatry: The Impatient and the Ex-Patient." *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings (Symbolic Interaction and Ethnographic Research Mini-Conference)*, Pittsburgh PA, 2005.

"Constructions of Inequality in Psychiatric Treatment." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings*, Minneapolis MN, 2005.

"I Know You Are But What Am I? Negotiating Identity in a Psychiatric Encounter." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings*, Minneapolis MN, 2005.

"Hold it, Buster! Critical Reflection on the New Anti-Stigma Campaigns in Mental Health." *International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology (ICSPP) Annual Meetings*, New York NY, 2004.

"Being There: Strategic Cyber-Activism in the Psychiatric Survivor Movement." *Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings*, San Francisco CA, 2004.

"Who Says? Doing Ethnography in the Psychiatric Consumer/Survivor/Ex-patient Movement." *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings*, San Francisco CA, 2004.

"Breaking the Silence: Inquiry and Action in the Psychiatric Consumer/Survivor/Ex-Patient Movement." *Couch Stone Symposium, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction*, Vancouver, Canada, 2004.

"What Would Goffman Do? Exploring the New World of Stigma in the 21st Century." *Couch Stone Symposium, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction*, Vancouver, Canada, 2004.

"Call Me Crazy: Resistant Identities in the Psychiatric Consumer/Survivor/Ex-patient Movement." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings*, Chicago IL, 2003.

"Survivor Narratives as Focal Points of the Psychiatric Consumer/Survivor/Ex-patient Movement." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2002.

"Walking the Line: Participant Observation in Advocacy Research." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Anaheim, CA, 2001.

"Informed Contempt? Facing 'The Other' in Human Subjects Research." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, Washington DC, 2000.

"Sociology's Response to the Biological Revolution in Psychiatry: A Counter-Revolutionary Approach." Society of the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 1999.

"Self vs. Science: The Struggle for Voice against Psychiatric Oppression." University of Toronto Graduate Sociology Student Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, 1999.

"Committing Social Change for Psychiatric Patients: The Consumer/Survivor Movement." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 1998.

"Talking Back to Psychiatry: Consumer/Survivor Activism as a Social Movement." Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, 1997.

"Facing the Paradox of Promoting Mental Health Consumer Empowerment." National Conference on State Mental Health Agency Services Research, Washington, DC, 1997.

"Psychiatric Patient Activism as a Social Movement." Sociological Practice Association Annual Meetings, Washington, DC, 1996.

"Mad Liberation as a Social Movement." Greater Pittsburgh Social Science Colloquium, Pittsburgh, PA, 1995.

LECTURES, SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA:

"Heroic Madwomen: Fighting for Justice in the Mental Health System." Oakland University Women's Studies Speaker Series, Rochester, MI, 2002.

"Family Dynamics, Consumer Advocacy and Mental Illness." Invited Speaker, Medicine Ethics & Society Curriculum, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh PA, 2001.

"Weathering the Storms: Private and Public System Barriers." Invited panelist, Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Conference, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Pittsburgh PA, 2001.

"Advance Directives in Psychiatry: Who Benefits?" Invited Speaker, Bioethics Grand Rounds Series, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh PA, 2000.

“The Consumer Movement and Consumer Action & Response Team (CART).” Invited Speaker, Social and Community Psychiatry Seminar Series, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, Pittsburgh PA, 1999.

“The Role of Mental Health Consumers Serving on Boards.” Invited Speaker, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, Pittsburgh PA, 1998.

“Talking Back to Psychiatry: A Grassroots Movement for Survivors of Psychiatry.” Invited Speaker, Clinical Colloquium Series, Duquesne University Graduate Psychology Program, Pittsburgh PA, 1998.

“Consumer Issues in Psychiatry.” Invited Speaker, Social & Community Psychiatry Seminar Series, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh PA, 1998.

“Community Support Programs,” Invited Speaker, Psychiatric Residency Training Seminar, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, Pittsburgh PA, 1996.

“Awareness of Consumer Issues in Health Policy.” Invited Speaker, Graduate School of Social Work Health Policy Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, 1995.

WORKSHOPS & DIALOGUES:

“Empowerment Through Informed Consent: What We Need to Know.” Workshop for Mental Health Alternatives 2000 National Conference, Nashville TN, 2000.

“Dialogue for Psychiatric Residents and Mental Health Consumers.” Facilitator, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, Pittsburgh PA, 2000.

“Empowerment through Informed Consent.” Workshop for Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association Conference, Harrisburg PA, 2000.

“Listening to Each Other for a Change: Consumer-Provider Dialogues.” Workshop for Pennsylvania Community Providers Association, Seven Springs PA, 1999.

“Listening to Each Other for a Change.” Workshop for Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association Conference, Pittsburgh PA, 1999.

“Recovering Power.” Workshop for Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association Conference, Philadelphia PA, 1998.

“Communicating with Each Other: For A Change.” Facilitator, Consumer-Provider Pioneer Dialogue (U.S. Center for Mental Health Services Pilot), Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh PA, 1998.

“Transforming Knowledge: Using Peer Liberatory Education Groups to Promote Action for Change.” Workshop for Mental Health Alternatives ‘98 Conference, Long Beach CA, 1998.

“Knowing and Using Power: Because Good Intentions Can Have Unintended Consequences.” Workshop for University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work Annual Conference, Pittsburgh PA, 1997.

“Transforming Knowledge.” Workshop for Pennsylvania Statewide Mental Health Consumer Conference, Erie PA, 1997.

“What We Don’t Know Can Hurt Us: Using Freire’s Pedagogy of the Oppressed to Promote Consumer Advocacy.” Workshop for Mental Health Alternatives ‘96 Conference, Orlando FL, 1996.

“Designing Questions that Get Students to Speak.” University of Pittsburgh Teaching Assistant Teach-In and Orientation, Pittsburgh PA, 1996.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Morrison, Linda J. “Self vs. Science: The Struggle for Voice in Psychiatric Treatment.” Revise and resubmit, *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*.

Morrison, Linda J. “Constructions of Inequality in Psychiatric Treatment.” In progress.

Morrison, Linda J.: “At the Edges of Policy: Constructing a Voice for ‘Consumers’ in Mental Health Managed Care.” In progress.

Morrison, Linda J. “Framing Legitimacy: Activist Research in the Psychiatric Consumer/Survivor Movement.” In progress.

INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

University & College of Arts & Sciences:

Member, University Assessment Committee, 2004-present

Faculty Member, “New Students Connections” program, Fall Semester 2006

Committee Member, “Foundations of Excellence” Project, 2005-2006

Faculty Member, “Students First” retention initiative, 2005-2006

Acting Director, Social Work Concentration, Fall Semester 2005

Faculty Member, “New Students Connections” program, Fall Semester 2005

Member, Advisory Committee, Rochester Schools/Oakland University Transition Program, 2004-2005 (for students with disabilities)

Member, University Academic Standing and Honors Committee, 2002-2004

Guest Speaker, Music Education Doctoral Seminar, Department of Music, Theatre & Dance, 2004 (spoke on using qualitative methods in research)

Faculty Participant, University SAFE on Campus, 2003-2005

Substitute member, University Senate, 2003

Volunteer, Parent Orientation, 2003

Volunteer, New Student Programs, 2001-2003

Commencement Ceremony faculty participant, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Substitute member, College of Arts & Sciences Assembly, 2000-2001

Department of Sociology and Anthropology:

Member, Assessment Committee, 2001-present

Faculty Co-Advisor, Sociology Club, 2006-present

Member, Student Awards Committee, 2001-2006 (chair 2005-2006)

Member, Tenure/Promotion Review Criteria Committee, 2003-2004

Guest speaker: Sociology Club Career night panel, 2005 and 2006

Guest lecturer: Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Social Work, Social Theory and Deviance courses, 2003-2005

Guest lecturer: Research Methods Course: "Ethical Issues in Research," 2002

Supervised 5 students in SOC 399 field experience, 2002-2004

Supervised 7 students in SOC 480 independent study, 2002-2006

Community Service:

Participant, Wayne State University Institute of Mental Health, Detroit, MI. 2006-present.

Global Issues Committee Member, MindFreedom International,. 2006-present.

Advisory Board Member, Fisher Clubhouse (a program of Southwest Counseling & Development Services), Detroit, MI. 2005-2006

Board Member, Michigan Consumer Evaluation Team (mental health) 2004-2005.

Media Interview for "New Guy on Campus: Special Needs Student Benefits from New Inclusion Program," by Sharon Luckerman, *Detroit Jewish News*, March 19, 2004, 31-33.

Consultant, Curriculum Development for HIV/AIDS Education, Madonna University Program for Health in Higher Education Leadership Node Project. 2002-2003.

Member, Community Advisory Board, Allegheny County Mental Health Consumer Action & Response Team (CART), Pittsburgh, PA. 1999-2001.

Member, Allegheny County Mental Health Community Support Program, Pittsburgh, PA. 1998-2001.

Member, Institute for Public Health & Psychiatry, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA. 1997-2001.

Professional Service:

Member, Publications Committee, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2006-2009

Peer Reviews: Social Psychology Quarterly, Symbolic Interaction, American Behavioral Scientist.

Reviewer, Herbert Blumer Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2005.

Session organizer and chair, "Challenging Expert Knowledge." Midwest Sociology Society Annual Meetings, Minneapolis MN, 2005.

Session chair. "Applied Sociology: Interactionism and Practice." Couch Stone Symposium, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Vancouver, Canada, 2004.

Panel member, "Current Issues and Trends in Clubhouse Research." International Center for Clubhouse Development, 12th International Seminar on the Clubhouse Model. Minneapolis MN, 2003.

Session presider, "Public and Private Identities in Social Movements." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Chicago IL, 2003.

Member, Research Advisory Committee. Center for Mental Health Services Program for Clubhouse Research, University of Mass. Medical School, Worcester, Mass. 2001-present.

Member, Accessibility Committee. Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2000-2004.

Textbook Review, George Ritzer's *McDonaldization of Society, Revised New Century Edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 2003

Textbook Review, Brym and Lie's *Compass for a New World, 1st edition*. Boston: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, 2002.

Session Organizer and Discussant, "Moving Toward a Social Change Agenda in Stigma and Consumer/Survivor Research." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meetings, Chicago IL, 2002.

Panel Organizer and Discussant, "Protecting the Rights of People with Mental Illness." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, Anaheim CA, 2001.

Session Organizer, "Refereed Roundtables," Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim CA, 2001.

Member, Conference Planning Committee, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute (NASMNP/NRI) Alexandria VA, 1998-99.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

1994-present American Sociological Association
1997-present Society for the Study of Social Problems
1997-present Association for Humanist Sociology
2002-present Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
2002-present Midwest Sociological Society
2003-present International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology
2005-present North Central Sociological Association
2003-2004 Association for the Study of Bioethics and Humanities
2002-2003 Association for Applied and Professional Ethics