

Dear Clergy, Family, Chiropractic Patient or Friend of the Gallagher Family,

Hello. This letter is from Dr. Joanne M. Gallagher.

This letter comes to you with an update and a **very important request** for your support and help. I have chosen not to appeal my sentence of 18 months in federal prison. No expert testimony or supportive affidavits were allowed to be used or made part of the record during the sentencing proceeding on March 8, 2004. There was concern of jeopardy of the return of chiropractic license. Therefore, with advice from counsel, an appeal with a successful outcome did not seem practical or possible.

I strived to do the best with the legal process. Now, with some reliable advice, my family and I are starting a political endeavor. **We are asking you to help us more than ever before.** We are asking you to follow an agenda for a letter and phone call campaign in these next few weeks.

We are going to start with Senator Specter. Senator Arlen Specter is a former state and federal prosecutor who has power to nominate federal judges in eastern and central Pennsylvania. He is working hard for his political future at this election time. We need to contact him immediately by letter, e-mail or fax and telephone to ask him to use his great influence to change my jail sentence to creative service and probation only. Senator Specter is known for his record of helping his suffering constituents. Let us give him the opportunity to help us in this matter by contacting him today.

I am asking you to add a customized paragraph or two on the back of the letter followed with your name and address. Please mail it to the appropriate address listed on the back of this page. Please follow with a phone call to Senator Specter's office nearest to your home and voice support of Dr. Joanne Gallagher with a creative sentence for service and probation. Follow the same format with Congressman Patrick Toomey, the opponent of Senator Specter in the upcoming election.

Please forward this information to people on your mailing list. They do not have to be chiropractic patients but people sincere and willing to help our family. This can greatly multiply our efforts. They can participate if they are out of state due to support of a Pennsylvania constituent. If you or someone you know is familiar with Senator Specter or Congressman Toomey, please call or physically meet with them to discuss this issue.

In review: ASAP

- 1. Send letters to Senator Specter and Congressman Toomey immediately. Make sure you have included the customized paragraph and closing signature and address on the back side of the letter.**
- 2. Mail to the Specter office nearest to your home. Mail to Senator Specter's Scranton office if you are mailing from out of state. Please mail to Congressman Toomey's office also.**
- 2. Please send message to dr.joanne@lifeexpressionchiro.com and we will forward letters and addresses to you if you would choose to do email letters. It will save you stamps and you will be able to forward the necessary information to others.**
- 4. Follow with phone calls to their offices and ask for change to sentence of creative service and probation.**
- 5. Forward this information to your mailing list of friends and family.**
- 6. If you desire to send a personal letter to Judge Conner, I have included his address on the back of this page.**
- 7. Please leave voice mail at 570-788-3376 or email to dr.joanne@lifeexpressionchiro.com with any questions. You're great!**

Thank you for your prayers, support and inspiration. God bless you.

Sincerely,

The Gallagher Family - Ron, Joanne, Maria, Catherine, James and Peter

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Dear Congressman Patrick J. Toomey,



I am writing you to ask for your help for the Gallagher Family of Conyngham, PA. Ron Gallagher and his wife Joanne are married for eighteen years and are the parents of four children, Maria 16, Catherine 15, James 13 and Peter 10. Joanne is a chiropractor who had been licensed and served in the state of Pennsylvania since 1982. She has provided chiropractic care to thousands of patients in the United States, Canada and international countries. Her husband Ron is self-employed as a carpenter.

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The woman later stopped taking her medication and got very ill. Unfortunately and sadly, she died. The authorities blamed Dr. Gallagher for not preventing the woman and her boyfriend's action, and prosecuted her for alleged fraudulent Medicaid billings in the federal court. Under incredible pressure, Dr. Gallagher decided to plead guilty to one count of mail fraud following a mistrial in the second day of trial. Even though she knew she had not committed fraud, she did this to avoid more serious problems due to the prosecution's late introduction of the controversial taped phone call.

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