

STATEMENT OF JENNIFER DeANGELO

MY NAME IS JENNIFER DeANGELO. I'M THE WIFE OF TONY DeANGELO. THE LAST NINE YEARS OF OUR LIVES AND THAT OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN A LIVING HELL. NO ONE COULD EVER UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO GO THROUGH LIFE WITH A HUSBAND WHO ONE DAY IS WORKING FULL TIME, TO SUDDENLY BEING COMPLETELY DISABLED AND REQUIRING ROUND-THE-CLOCK CARE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. EVERY DAY WE CRY. EVERY DAY WE WISH WE COULD RETURN BACK TO WHEN HE COULD WALK AND TALK LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. INSTEAD, WE WERE FACED WITH YEARS OF A LEGAL BATTLE AGAINST ADVOCATE HEALTH PARTNERS WHO REFUSED TO DO JUSTICE FOR OUR FAMILY.

LAST NIGHT A JURY SAW JUSTICE. AFTER SITTING THROUGH TWO WEEKS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL, THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO GIVE MY HUSBAND AND MY CHILDREN'S DAD HIS LIFE BACK, BUT THEY SAW THE HUGE MISTAKES THAT WERE MADE. THROUGH THEIR VERDICT, WE HOPE TO GET THE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS THAT TONY REQUIRES TO GET THROUGH A DAY, THROUGH MANY DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS AND YEARS THAT HE DESERVES. THAT OUR WHOLE FAMILY DESERVES.

AND NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT MY LAWYERS – BRAD COSGROVE, CHUCK HASKINS AND DEVIN PIPER – WHO NEVER GAVE UP. THEY KEPT FIGHTING FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT. WE BELIEVED IN THEM. THE JURY BELIEVED IN THEM. AND THEY ACHIEVED THE JUSTICE THAT WE HELD ON TO SO DEARLY, KNOWING THAT THE RIGHT RESULT WOULD HAPPEN.