

July 1, 2020

Dear Dr. McNamara,

My name is Lindsay; I am one of the 4300+ PPCM survivors Dr. James Fett wrote of in his letter of support for REBIRTH; I am also the President and co-founder of PPCM FUND INC, a nonprofit tirelessly dedicated to saving others from the silent killer known as Peripartum Cardiomyopathy. Both yourself & Dr. James Fett, as well as IPAC, have been main-stays for us since day-one in our efforts in the great fight against PPCM, acting as advocates for us, as we advocate for you. We are here standing strong by your side, even mentioning yourself and IPAC efforts in our TODAY.com interview this Valentines Day 2020, which in-turn sparked a buzz where then on February 19, 2020 they had a three-hour interview with medical professionals about heart issues and pregnancy (both interview links are on ppcmfund.com) We are gaining traction, ears are perking up, inquiring & wanting to know more. On our YouTube channel, the comments are extremely moving and sad; husbands that have lost their wives, mothers stating how they lost their daughter, sisters who lost a sister and friend, a daughter saying she lost her mother to this disease after giving birth to her and the pain and guilt she lives with... We all say there needs to be more awareness, and most importantly, more research & action. Many birthing professional communities including Doulas, Midwives, Breast-feeding centers & Placentia centers, etc. are appalled by the sheer fact that they have never before heard of PPCM or procedures for early diagnosis and/or treatments. I have been educating individuals, professionals and the above communities about PPCM, the NT-Pro BNP Test, BNP, as well as the other labs, screenings and testing, etc. that should already be in place and mandatory.

I am writing this letter to express my support in the seemingly endless fight against Peripartum Cardiomyopathy along side you & Dr. James Fett, continuing into the next phase with, **REBIRTH** (Randomized Evaluation of Bromocriptinein Myocardial Recovery Therapy).

Please if you would, inform us at PPCM FUND INC. on how we may partner with you to better our collective efforts; We will do all in our power to assist and further the lowering of maternal mortality rates as no woman or family should have to experience unnecessary suffering that I and others sadly experience. A healthy girl, me, I, had three cardiac arrests three months after giving birth to my son with over 40 pounds of fluid crushing my otherwise healthy heart, until it stopped beating. Think about that sentence... A healthy girl had to experience unnecessary suffering until death in order to be barely saved, ONLY due to lack of awareness. We say "PPCM awareness day is everyday!" I fight the fight and I advocate for the girls that are suffering today, everyday & for the ones who no longer have a voice. ♥

Thank you for your mutual support!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Staloff-Peterson & The PPCM♥FUND Family P.S. We heart you!

Please feel free to reach out at any time; we look forward to connecting with you! Find us everywhere social @PPCMFUND

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