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**Shawn Buckley**

Welcome back to the National Citizens Inquiry. As we begin day two of our hearings in Regina. It is May 31, 2024, and we're excited to be continuing with testimony. Now for this set of hearings we had made a deliberate decision. We didn't want to have witnesses back who had testified before, with the exception of Colleen Brandse, who we just decided she has a compelling story. And at the end of her testimony in Toronto, there were some unfinished things that we wanted to follow up with. So I'm pleased to announce that we have Colleen Brandse returning as a witness to the NCI. Colleen, can you hear me?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes, Shawn. Thank you.

**Shawn Buckley**

Okay. And we can hear you, too. And that's good because we've had some technical difficulties, so it's nice when we can hear each other. So, Colleen, we always start with swearing our witnesses in. So do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**Colleen Brandse**

I do.

**Shawn Buckley**

And, Colleen, can you state your full name for the record? Spelling your first name and spelling your last name.

**Colleen Brandse**

Colleen Brandse. C-O-L-L-E-E-N B-R-A-N-D-S-E.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now, Colleen, we're going to go through some of the evidence that you gave last time just because we need it for the context. So we'll just assume you haven't testified before. You just recently lost your husband, Bert. But when you testified last time, Bert was still alive. Am I correct about that?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes.

**Shawn Buckley**

And you had actually just announced to us that Bert had been diagnosed with cancer again.

**Colleen Brandse**

Right.

**Shawn Buckley**

And you have a son, Connor, who is 25, and a son, Steven, who is 33.

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah, Connor will be 25 tomorrow.

**Shawn Buckley**

Okay. Well, I was close. So you worked as a nurse in Ontario for a full 28 years?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now, if I recall correctly, you were hesitant to take the vaccines, meaning the COVID-19 vaccines. Can you share with us your reasons for that?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah, I was hesitant because I knew it was new and probably more so because I had just been diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma just before that. And I had gone through hell for 15 months with lymphoma issues, which took a long time to resolve, and to the point where I signed up for medical assistance in dying. And, yeah, I was just afraid of ended up taking something that would send me back to the same state that I had just went through.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right, and so you weren't wanting to take the vaccine. How did it end up that you did take the vaccine?

**Colleen Brandse**

So in February, I was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma. And in June, I had my first audio video call with the oncologist, and at which time my GP had asked me to take it and I said, "I'd prefer to wait to see the oncologist because I'm just nervous." And so, yeah, I did a video conference with her, and she said, "You definitely need to take it. I'm telling everybody to take it." And I questioned whether she thought that I'd be okay because I had just gone through so much with this lymphoma, and she said, "You'll be okay. You'll be fine," and advised me to take the two shots three weeks apart.

**Shawn Buckley**

And you trusted that information?

**Colleen Brandse**

I did, because she didn't give me any reason to doubt that she didn't know what she was advising, you know.

**Shawn Buckley**

Okay. And so on June 7, 2021, you took your first shot. And that was of the Pfizer vaccine?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes.

**Shawn Buckley**

Can you share with us what happened after that first shot?

**Colleen Brandse**

First shot, I had some numbness and tingling above my lip and in my face, but it resolved within 20 minutes. And so I just put it down to being anxiety, and carried on, and it didn't come back. I had no further side effects. So three weeks later to the day, I took my next shot.

**Shawn Buckley**

And what happened after you took your second shot, and it was Pfizer also?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah, second shot, I had no initial issues, but two weeks to the day, I developed neuropathy in my feet, shooting pains into my feet. And then eventually, within a few weeks, it progressed to be a numbness up my lateral side of both legs and pain, random pain throughout my body. It would just, I'd get stabbing pains.

**Shawn Buckley**

And my understanding is you also had foot drop at that time.

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes. Thank you. Yes.

**Shawn Buckley**

So what did you do in following these symptoms?

**Colleen Brandse**

I went to a foot clinic, and I also had a CT scan done to realize that it was related to any kind of spinal injury or, you know, any kind of pathology going on with the spine. And it ended up that it wasn't related. And then I just bought a TENS machine, and I started to work with my TENS machine to get my foot to resume flexibility. And it took a couple months, but it did resolve. But the neuropathy is never resolved, even to this day.

**Shawn Buckley**

And did anything happen with your vision?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. So about four or five weeks after that, I went blind in my right eye. Went from perfect vision to no vision. I knew something was going on because I kept saying to my husband, I don't know what's wrong, but my vision is getting really bad. And it was both eyes that were affected, but my right eye just kept deteriorating very quick, and it ended up that I had a rare cataract that I had to have surgery on. My cousin had the identical thing two weeks after I did.

**Shawn Buckley**

And then, what happened after that? My understanding is, so you get injected June 28, 2021. By December, some other things were occurring.

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. So I developed what I believe is mast cell activation. I have to carry an EpiPen, reacting to different things, especially different foods. So and my IgE was super high, which is showing that I'm having some sort of an allergic reaction—supposed to be less than 100 and mine was 5000. Then I developed— Oh my gosh, sorry for the brain fog here, because that's another big issue. I developed chest pain. Had that for months. Severe shortness of breath. And I've had vocal cord paralysis since my twenties, when they figured I was injured during a surgery when they intubated me. But I've never had this level of issue with it. And now I've got a 30% airway, which has also been an issue over the last two years, where they were gonna put a tracheotomy in me, and I even went for a pre-op. But we can get into that at some point into the conversation. I had bleeding in my urine for four months, mycoplasma, which I've just learned is one of the issues that a lot of us injected are having.

**Shawn Buckley**

So when you say mycoplasma, what do you mean?

**Colleen Brandse**

Mycoplasma is like an infection that I've just recently read in research, quite often people that have been injected with this jab are having issues with infection if their immune system is compromised, which I have T-cell lymphoma. So that would explain why I had four months of bloody urine. And, yeah, my breathing issues have been brutal, so I've often wondered, "Do I have it in my lungs?" Because you can get mycoplasma pneumonia, but I've never been tested for that, so.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now you put up a background behind yourself. Is that also something that happened in December?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. So that's my mottled legs that'll give you an idea.

**Shawn Buckley**

When would that photo have been taken?

**Colleen Brandse**

That's probably around February or March of 2022.

**Shawn Buckley**

Okay. So you start having these symptoms. What happens after that?

**Colleen Brandse**

Well, I've gone to the hospitals and supposed to have had different appointments. I've been six months to a year and a half waiting for some of those appointments. But when I went to the hospital, I was having a TIA, which is pre-stroke warning, a transient ischemic attack. I have double brain aneurysms, which I had before the vaccine, but they grew because my blood pressure significantly increased with the vaccines, where I've had to double up on my medication to get my blood pressure under control.

However, the visit that I went to the ER with, the mottled legs, and I had vision issues, dizziness, unsteady gait where I was walking into walls, the doctor there was very angry and upset that my neurosurgeon hadn't done my surgery. He tried to reach him by phone, couldn't get him. Then he came back, and I thought, "Wow, this guy's actually maybe not going to gaslight me." And I thought I might be okay to tell him the truth if he asks.

And he did ask. He said, when I showed him my legs, because he was asking about all the neurological. But then I said, "Look. Look at my legs," and I played dumb like I was a nurse. I didn't want him to know because I didn't want to be gaslit. And he looked at my legs and he goes, "Oh, they're mottled," and I said, "I know." And he said, "When did all this start?" And I said, "Well, two weeks after my second Pfizer." And after that, I was out of there within half an hour. The only tests he did were basic blood tests and the D-dimer, I believe he did. But no CT and no testing for antiphospholipid syndrome, which is one of the tests that he should have definitely looked for, because it could cause strokes and complications with clotting.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right. So basically, as soon as you mentioned that even just a temporal relationship with the vaccine, there was a visible change. And basically when you say you were out there in half an hour, meaning, they weren't really willing to run tests on you.

**Colleen Brandse**

No, that's exactly what happened. And I was shocked because I thought I finally found somebody that's actually going to listen and maybe do a CT, make sure I'm not having any issues. And nope, nothing was done. And I've had a small stroke since then. If you look at my left side of my face, it droops lower than the right.

**Shawn Buckley**

You had mentioned gaslighting, like you were worried that he would gaslight you. What experience have you had? So you basically start having a cascade of symptoms by December, and you would have been going to the hospital after you had symptoms two weeks after your second dose. What has led you to start using the term gaslit?

**Colleen Brandse**

Multiple things. Multiple appointments where the doctors just don't take you serious. But the particular time that I really felt gaslit was when I went to see my neurosurgeon at Sunnybrook, and I never did get to see him. I saw his student neurosurgeon, his resident, and that was in December of 2021. And he told me that I needed urgent neurosurgery, that they couldn't do a coil in through the leg, and because it was deep in the brain and it wasn't one aneurysm, that it split into two. He said, if this ruptures, it'll be catastrophic, and it is growing. And he requested that I get an MRI done with more detail.

So I did that in January and then went back for a follow up, and he reiterated that it was very urgent that I get this done. And then when I told him by that appointment in January that now I've developed pericarditis, chest pain—well, I didn't know it was pericarditis at the time; I just knew I had chest pain—that my legs were mottled, and I showed him that my immune system was horrible, that I was constantly fighting infections. I asked him if he would call down to the ER after that appointment and ask them to run a bunch of tests and to figure out what's going on so that I could get treated and be stable enough to have the surgery. Because I told him, "I know I will not make it through." And he refused.

So then, come March, the real surgeon called me, and we had the same discussion. He said, "Well, what kind of specialist do you feel that you need to see?" I said, "I need to see an immunologist and an internist because I've got so much going on," and I said "amongst other doctors, but," I said, "that would be a good place to start." He said, "Well, let me look around Sunnybrook and see what I can come up with as far as different doctors that deal with these things, and I will refer you."

Well, I never heard back from him. And then by July of 2022, I had respiratory issues, severe, put myself on prednisone in the middle of the night. I didn't think I was going to actually live. Called my ENT specialist in the morning. She advised me to go to Newmarket Hospital, because she works out of there as well as St. Michael's hospital. She said, "The doctor that's working there, she'll look after you. She's very good." I got there and ended up so busy, it was packed in there, and I ended up getting a different doctor who gaslit me. And by that point, I was so fed up. I was so, because I had pretty much given up—

**Shawn Buckley**

Can I just ask you she said or what happened?

**Colleen Brandse**

I'm sorry?

**Shawn Buckley**

You said she gaslit you, but can you share with us exactly what happened so we understand what you mean by that term?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. Yeah. She didn't gaslight me. She told me to go to the ER and that the doctor there would look after me. But when I got there, I ended up waiting for so long that that doctor had gone off duty and a new doctor had come on, and it was a male. So when he came into the room, I said, "Oh, I was expecting a female." And he said, "Oh, she's gone home now." Anyway, he asked me what my issue was. I told him I was having a lot of problems getting air. The doctor prior to him in the ER actually did say to me, "Yes, you're in distress. We will probably have to admit you. But," he says, "well, let me scope you and I'll have a look."

So he scoped me. It was very rough. I've never had a scope that hurt or made me retch. But anyway, he scoped me, and then he said to me, "Well, it's bad, but it's not as bad as I expected." So he said, "I'm not sure what you think I can do for you today." And I said, "Well, it's not just my vocal cords that are a problem. My lungs are a problem, too. I can't get air." And I said, "So, like, I need everything to be assessed. I've had a pulmonary embolism since I was 29 from birth control, and I'm worried that maybe I've got an issue with that."

He said, "Well, I'm an ENT specialist." And I thought, here we go. So he didn't know I was a nurse. I said to him, "Well, that's the problem. You're an ENT specialist. He's a cardiologist. She's a hematologist." I said, "Do you people not work together as a team and look at the whole person?" I said, "Because look at your waiting room." And I lost it. I said, "It's full," you know, and I said, "and don't tell me that those people out there are COVID positive, because I know for a fact they're not, and so do you." I said, "They're all vaccine injured."

But actually, prior to even saying that, I got mad and I walked out of the room and I said, "I knew this would happen." And he was walking behind me, and as we got to the nursing station—and, I mean, there was people everywhere, doctors, nurses, patients—and I turned and I backed up and I walked up to him and I said, "What's your name?" And he said, "Dr. so and so." And I said, "Well, Dr. so and so, you're going to be famous." And I just went up and down him, and he dragged me back into the room and closed the door.

And that's when I said to him, "I don't know how you sleep at night." I said, "You're giving these people an Advil and you're sending them home to die." And I said, "I've been a nurse for 28 years," I said, "and what's going on here is absolutely criminal. And you're allowing the College of Physicians and Surgeons to dictate how you do your job with no conscience that these people are going to die, because you're not doing your job."

So it was quite the 20 minutes, but by the time I was finished, he was like, “I know. Yes, Colleen, I know. I know.” You know, and he wasn’t arrogant like he was in the beginning. I did file a complaint. Three days later, I did go to my ENT. I was nervous that she’d be angry at me because I knew she would have heard, and she wasn’t. She smiled and she said, “good for you.” She said, “you’ve been dealing with so much for so long, I don’t blame you.” And I literally got up and hugged her. I was like, “Thank you. You’re the first doctor that has listened to me and understands.”

**Shawn Buckley**

Okay, I want to move on now to your family, because my understanding is that your husband, Bert, had also gotten vaccinated and your son, Connor, had gotten vaccinated. Can you share with us, first of all, what had happened to your son, Connor?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. My son, in 2021, had joined the army. My oldest boy’s been in the army at that point for eight years or so. When he got there, he didn’t have his yellow vaccine card, so they vaccinated him with every childhood vaccine a second time and gave him Moderna, as well as all the military vaccines. He ended up leaving the army within a year. But in 2022, July, he ended up having a pulmonary embolism, which they tried to gaslight him for. They told him in the ER that it was anxiety.

And thank God he phoned me at one in the morning and said, “I’m at the ER, and I’m having chest pain, and the doctor thinks it’s anxiety.” And I said, “Well, it’s not anxiety, Connor. It’s probably a pulmonary embolism,” like I had been trying to tell him because he didn’t believe me with everything. And I said, “Ask him for a D-dimer and a CT scan, and don’t leave until you get it.” And it came back positive.

**Shawn Buckley**

So just for people and the commissioners: So a pulmonary embolism is basically a blood clot going to the lung?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes.

**Shawn Buckley**

Okay. How old was Connor at this time?

**Colleen Brandse**

Twenty-three.

**Shawn Buckley**

So you’re 23—

**Colleen Brandse**



And he asked the doctor— Because I've been trying to tell my son about all the truth out there, and he thinks I'm crazy and I'm a conspiracy theorist. And I asked him, I said, "What did the doctor say?" He said, "Well, he said it could be a number of things that would cause it." And I said, "No, not in a 23-year-old healthy, athletic male. Sorry." If it was a smoking, non-active, heavy person on birth control, possibly. But even still, it's very rare.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now within a couple of weeks of this incident with your son being hospitalized in July of 2022, something happened with your husband. What was that?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. So my husband, in July 2021, was told that he had colon cancer. They did a resection surgery to remove the part of cancer that was in the colon, thought that they got it all, were pretty convinced it was good. July 2022, they did the one-year follow up, and they did a CT as well as his blood markers to make sure his cancer numbers were okay. The cancer numbers came back good. The CT came back good for cancer but showed multiple blood clots in his lungs. I thought maybe at that point, because my husband also didn't believe what I was trying to tell them, my son and him, I thought at that point, maybe this was God's plan and he's waking them up, and they're going to be like, "Mom." And, you know, my husband would be like, "Okay, you were right, you know, I won't take anymore," or whatever.

Now, he had had a booster in December of 2021 that I had tried to convince him not to take, that the turbo cancers were coming like crazy. And he waved his hand at me and, "Ah, you know, I'm not going to listen to your stuff," and he took it. And so then that was July that he was cleared. By December 20, he was told he had stage four terminal cancer that had spread from the colon to the liver and the lymph nodes.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right. So in late July, early August, he has blood clots, multiple blood clots. And then five months later, he's told that he's got terminal liver cancer.

**Colleen Brandse**

Colon cancer, that had spread to the liver. Yeah.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right, right. Okay. So how has this impacted you?

**Colleen Brandse**

Oh, God, Shawn, it's been—and I don't want to cry, so I'm just going to keep it brief—it's been bloody hell. Because not only am I worrying about my son, who's invincible, he's at that age. I mean, I've had to nurse my husband at home, which I managed to do. I mean, I've lost so much muscle and my own health is so bad, they think I have a secondary cancer. And everybody in the family was telling me to put him in hospice, but I said, "No," because I know he won't get the care that I'm going to give him. And I nursed palliative care for many years. So I kept him home and he died a very peaceful death in February.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right. Okay. So Bert passed away in February, and we're sorry to hear that.

**Colleen Brandse**

Thank you.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now, can you give us an update on your son? Because, you know, you told us you worry about him. And what has happened since you testified last time? You told us in July of 2022, he calls you from the hospital with chest pain and he's had a pulmonary embolism. But something else has happened. Can you share that with us?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. Two months ago or so, he called me from the hospital again. He was having chest pain. Not chest pain, I'm sorry, my brain fog. He was having neurological symptoms, stroke symptoms, where his right side of his face was drooping, he was having slurred speech, and his vision was weird and his walking was off-balance. And the doctors there thought he was having a stroke. So when he called me, that was what he told me. So I was a mess because I was like, "Oh, my God, here we go."

Anyway, he was cleared of that. They did all the scans and they said that they couldn't figure it out, so they sent him to a hospital in Montreal that deals with neurological stuff only. And they determined him to have what's called functional neurological disorder. So this seems to be something, I guess, that's been around for a long time, but I've never heard of it. But it seems to be a popular diagnosis now that everybody and their sister's getting— So I just hope that they're right. He hasn't had any problems since then. So, touch wood.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right. But you are worried because he's now had blood clots and now he's had stroke-like symptoms. So blood clots at 23, stroke-like symptoms at 25.

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah. And his heart was shown to be enlarged as well—not major, but slight enlargement. So we all know what that means, you know, like, he's probably had some myocarditis.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now, Colleen, we're going to play a video that you provided for the last week of Bert's life. And my understanding is you want this video to be public and just for people to see how Bert was doing in this last week of life. So we'll play that video, and then you can comment on it.

**[Video plays]**

And, Colleen, we're not trying to upset you, but Bert died two days after that video was taken. Am I correct?

**Colleen Brandse**

Yes.

**Shawn Buckley**

Now, can you tell us how you are doing physically? So, you last testified on April 1 of 2023. How are you doing today on May 31, 2024, almost exactly a year later, or I guess 13 months later.

**Colleen Brandse**

Well, I have a lot of issues. My immune system's really bad. My breathing is really bad. Like I say, they think I have a secondary cancer, but I don't want to know because if I know then maybe I'll give up. I'm determined to still fight and live and heal myself with God's help. And apparently, my neck now is deteriorated. I've got severe compression in my C5/6 and moderate in my C4/5, which is causing a lot of neuro issues. Like, the specialist thinks that that's causing a lot of my neuropathies and pain and stuff, but the pain in my back and neck is just so bad. But I just keep pushing, and I'm just determined I'm not giving in.

**Shawn Buckley**

And you mentioned brain fog. Can you tell us about that?

**Colleen Brandse**

Oh, my memory is so bad, Shawn, you're going to be a new friend next time we speak, I'm sure. It's bad. People that I've known for 25, 30 years, common things, I can't even find the word some days. And it's hard when you know that you are losing it. It's so frustrating. And even my son's girlfriend today told me she's noticed a change, that my memory is getting worse and worse. And trying to organize thoughts, I get overwhelmed because I've got so much I got to do around the house. And it just, I get overwhelmed, and then I get depressed because I don't think I can get it all done. You know, but anyway.

**Shawn Buckley**

And my understanding is you're also extremely tired most of the days.

**Colleen Brandse**

Yeah.

**Shawn Buckley**

Can you tell us about that?

**Colleen Brandse**

The fatigue is brutal, and I think most of us injured suffer the same, with the brain fog is very common, as well as the fatigue. The fatigue is so bad. I've been doing my own IV vitamin C for a bit. But I mean, you can only do that so long; it's super expensive. So I've got a little bit left that I've stockpiled, and I'll use that when I need to. But, yeah, it's really, it's hard to keep going. And which, of course, when you're tired, I'm sure that that's part of the

reason I feel overwhelmed with everything, because it just, you know, it just compounds that.

**Shawn Buckley**

Right. And my understanding is that you've become incontinent also.

**Colleen Brandse**

Thanks, Shawn.

**Shawn Buckley**

Oh, no, no, but we spoke about this before.

**Colleen Brandse**

I'm kidding. Yeah, no, that's one of the other issues that I'm having issues with that I never—you know, wasn't something I had to worry about prior unless I was laughing really hard or something, typical stuff. But, yeah, now I'm thinking that the nerves in my neck are being compressed and it's causing that if I don't get up and use the toilet when I need to, then I'm going to not be able to hold it, which is another frustration. But that's minor compared to the other issues. I can deal with that, but it's still another dilemma.

**Shawn Buckley**

And I'm sorry, I didn't mean to embarrass you with that. I thought we were okay to. I had shared with you that when you testified, I was going to ask you at the end if you had any words to share with Canadians, like what would you say, and asked you to think about that. So what you would like to tell Canadians about your experience, about perhaps maybe how we should be moving forward? And I'll tell you, Colleen, that I find you very inspiring because you've had so much trauma and yet you have such a strong spirit and you just go on. And you have been inspiring to me personally.

**Colleen Brandse**

Thank you so much, Shawn. I'm so grateful for you and Teresa and the NCI—all the people out there. Like Twitter has been a huge support. A lot of new Facebook friends, Shadoe Davis as well. I mean, there's a lot of podcasters that have reached out to help me. And I can tell you, if it wasn't for all of you, I would have given up long ago. And I just want Canadians to speak their truth, recognize right and wrong.

And this journey has taught me that you think that you have all these people in your corner that you've grown up with, that you've known, family, friends, whatnot, and when it comes down to it, you are it. You're alone. You and your God, and that's it. And I've had to literally drop to my knees and just give it to God and just let it go.

But I still maintain that we better stand together. We better speak our truth. And if you think that you're worried you're going to lose somebody that you care about in your life because you speak your truth, well, then you already had lost them, you just didn't realize. Because when it comes down to it, you find out very fast that you're alone on this journey.

But we need to come together. We need to come together and stand up as Canadians and globally, and say, “No,” the next time they try to push a mandate of any sort on us. “No.” And we don’t need to do it in a violent way, but we need to let our voices and our presence be known that we’re not going to lay down. “No.”

Too many people have died, and way too many people are suffering and committing suicide. And they think it’s okay to initiate programs like MAID for people that just, you know, want a way out. I mean, yeah, that should be a big writing on the wall for many people, too. You know, everywhere I go, I speak. I may not speak publicly after this much anymore, most likely won’t, because I need to focus on me and my health. But every time I’m out, if I get the opportunity to wake somebody up, I do take that opportunity.

**Shawn Buckley**

Colleen, thank you for those words. And I’ll ask the commissioners now if they have any questions of you. And Colleen, the commissioners do not have any questions. So on behalf of the National Citizens Inquiry, I sincerely thank you for coming and testifying today.

**Colleen Brandse**

My pleasure. Thank you for all of you, for what you’re doing. And I hope that this fight, eventually, we can all come together and celebrate victory. Have a great day. Thank you.

**Shawn Buckley**

Thank you, Colleen.



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