

ATTACHMENT C

RESPONDENT'S ARGUMENT

Respondent's Argument**Ref. No. 2023-0841****To Whom It May Concern,**

Per Dr. Hammesfahr M.D's notes I wasn't seeking reasonable medical treatment for my condition. Refer to page A72 in his own words I was on medication at the time of my appointment with him. This was a planned treatment I had with the current Dr. Andrews-Steele. Which was decided on over the course of many months prior to considering conceiving my child. Which in her on notes in my medical file she even referred to other physicians to seek advice for. I have never denied medical treatment offered to me. I was trying to conceive at the time of my injury. My husband and I decided to postpone our family plan in hopes of successful treatment. This never came. When the case finally settled and my doctors continually informed me I had reached maximum recovery only then did we make a carefully planned "safe" conception with my doctors advice. Only once I had weaned myself to the lowest point I could handle on my medication did we proceed. This was not a spur of the moment decision. This was all carefully planned and methodical process over a long course of time. Dr. Hammesfahr M.D recommended that I should try a slew of treatments that should help my condition. I have been on almost all those medications in the past. Due to chemical imbalance or difficulty to get refills, the Doctors at that time decided to change my prescriptions. I have tried all offered treatments to permanently recover from this injury with no avail. I still have continuous debilitating migraines. I still suffer from random bouts of severe vertigo. I still endure tinnitus and neck pain. I still have permanent muscle weakness and nerve issues to my left arm. All of these occurred on December 16th 2015. I am not cured of these symptoms. The are all things I undergo, everyday. I hardly leave my home other than doctors appointments. I don't even go shopping for groceries. Only through my vision therapy with Dr. Penelope Suter O.D FCODV's assistance have I finally been able to start reading books again. As for going back to work my concern is my symptoms agitating on the job at California correction facility. Being on the line or in a back storage unit, Supervising inmates and my symptoms rapidly occur. I not only put myself in undue harm but my officers as well. Taking medications on the job may also hold the risk of unjust scrutiny or investigation by the department. Furthermore, counteracting a sudden spike in symptoms may risk requiring additional medical assistance from the department. The unfortunate truth is that I have these symptoms even in my isolated controlled bubble at home. Once I am back to work these symptoms will still persist as they have since 12-16-2015.

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