



## **Statement of Susan E. Sheridan in Support of New Federal Legislation Authorizing Pilot Project for Alternative Medical Injury Dispute Resolution and Compensation Systems**

CHICAGO, May 24, 2007 - "Medical errors resulted in the death of my husband and a serious injury to my son. My experience has driven me ever since to work to improve patient safety. I believe that reforming the medical liability system is a crucial foundation for efforts to enhance quality of care in the American health care system, and the legislation introduced by Senator Enzi and Senator Baucus is a very positive step."-- Susan E. Sheridan, Co-Founder and President, Consumers Advancing Patient Safety; Co-Founder and Past-President, Parents of Infants and Children with Kernicterus (PICK).

### **About Consumers Advancing Patient Safety**

CAPS was formed to serve as a collective voice for individuals, families and healers who wish to prevent harm in healthcare through partnership and collaboration. Its vision is to create a partnership between consumers and healthcare providers aimed at creating global healthcare systems that are safe, compassionate and just.

### **About Parents of Infants and Children with Kernicterus**

Parents of Infants and Children with Kernicterus (PICK) was founded in late 2000 by a group of parents whose children suffer from kernicterus. A nonprofit organization, PICK promotes awareness, prevention and treatment of kernicterus. The organization's success is due to a unique operational model that emphasizes active partnerships with healthcare institutions and agencies as a means of achieving change.

#####

Consumers Advancing Patient Safety  
Susan E. Sheridan, 312-274-1301  
[ssheridan@patientsafety.org](mailto:ssheridan@patientsafety.org)

Parents of Infants and Children with Kernicterus (PICK)  
Susan E. Sheridan, 312-274-9695  
[susansheridan@pickonline.org](mailto:susansheridan@pickonline.org)