

2921-48th Street
Kenosha, Wisconsin
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AN OPEN LETTER TO:
Governor Vernon Thompson,
State Capital,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sir;

I am appealing to you to right a wrong that has been committed on my family.

While I was sick with the flu, I was taken from my home, beaten, harassed and my home raided without a warrant. Books and manuscripts were stolen along with my purse and various other articles. One would think that only in Russia could one be removed from his home in such a manner, when they have violated no law. When a person can be railroaded "Alaska Mental Health Style", where a phone call can get you into a mental institution with no hearing, in secrecy without a trial, or at least without knowledge of whether one has been held or not. I request an investigation because this in my opinion is a danger to every American citizen. When police can break into a home and seize "every" member of the family. Then lock up both the husband and the wife, so that neither can defend the other. Then to transport the children without the permission of the parents, into anyones' hands whom they may choose. When personal and private possessions can be searched and stolen. When members of the family can be beaten then locked up in a filthy jail cell, all on the excuse of mental illness; then we have indeed lost our precious freedom.

We are honest law abiding citizens who have never willfully violated a law, yet I was removed from my home locked up and given drugs over my protests and without my husband's consent or even knowledge. Our children were kidnapped, they were removed without the consent of either parent. Then they were placed in the hands of the instigators who were responsible for the trouble that we were having. The children were frightened and not cared for properly and I was frantic with worry over where they were. Then I was sent to an insane asylum without personal examination by a physician, legal advice or council, or a trial, or hearing. What is this country coming to when the victims aren't allowed a defense, not even the right to face their accuser, or even to have knowledge of the alledged crime that they are jailed for?

Perhaps I should have written sooner, but I hope that you will understand that this whole thing has taken us considerable expense as well as time. First to obtain my release from Winnebago State Mental Institution and then to prove my innocence, if that is humanly possible. We must for the reputation of our children and ourselves as well as to protect others who can be railroaded in the same manner.

My husband and I have been trying to expose a politically corrupt administration, and we are the main persons responsible for preventing fluoridation of the water supply in Kenosha. We have also been active throughout other cities in exposing subversive elements in the public schools and the "Freedom Agenda". For the work that we have done we have gained admiration and respect from many, however, at the same time we have suffered from the venomous wrath of a few who obviously were out to get us, because they were afraid that their own shady characters would be exposed.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Michetti