

May 17, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my family physician of over twenty years. I am shocked that her medical license is in jeopardy and am hoping my story will help. My story is her defense. I will try to be brief.

When I first came to be seen by Dr. Basch I had been diagnosed with fibromyalgia by a physician in the Los Angeles area and had been on pain and depression medications. Back then little was known about fibromyalgia and pain and I was basically led to believe I would have this for the rest of my life. Dr. Basch did *not see it this way and later began a pain support group. It was there that I learned many new coping skills and started to hone them, eventually enabling me to become free of the opioids and other meds that I had been taking. It was life changing to say the least!*

I returned to college, was able to obtain a BSS and worked as a social worker for over a dozen years. Recently, when pain returned in a new form, I was able to attend the support group for reinforcement and *encouragement, learning new forms of treatment that do not include prescription medications. I have been able to be free of these types of drugs for over 12 years now.*

A few years ago, while Dr Basch was located in Washington, I had seen another physician at our local Open Door Clinic. I was not able to function at work due to extreme exhaustion and that doctor told me to go to a psychiatrist. I did, and the counselor suggested I see Dr Basch who had recently returned to the area. Fortunately, Dr Basch allowed me back into her practice and after a very thorough exam and testing it was revealed my Cortisol and DHEA levels were not even within low normal ranges. After taking supplements for only a few weeks I was able to begin to function again and eventually was able to work again. This was another life changing moment that only Dr Basch created by her compassion and amazing work ethic to truly help others and not just cover up symptoms.

I am extremely grateful to Dr Basch and her entire practice at Full Circle Integrative Medicine. The old ways of seeing dis-ease is changing and Dr Basch is at the forefront. To remove her from this would be a tragic and short-sighted decision.

I am not the only patient to have benefitted from her practice and have witnessed it in many of her other patients. *Please do not remove this progressive, talented, insightful physician from our community. It would be a huge loss for so many of us.*

Feel free to contact me if needed, I would be happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

