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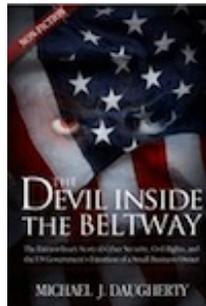
The Plot Thickens: What happens with unfettered regulatory oversight

Greetings!

March 15, 2015

We recently *highlighted Michael Daugherty, CEO* and founder of LabMD, a former cancer lab with 40 employees that claims to have been a victim of a targeted attack by Tiversa, a data security company. Tiversa is now **defending itself in court** against LabMD's accusations of fraud and extortion. You can read about Mike's harrowing experience in his book, *The Devil Inside the Beltway*.

What does a cyber-attack on a medical laboratory have to do with Benjamin Rush Institute and our mission to promote common sense healthcare solutions?



Healthcare and medical practice in all forms are highly regulated by political agencies. Even an agency like the FTC, which you wouldn't necessarily equate with medicine, in this case plays a huge role because of its asserted failure to perform due diligence in the matter of Daugherty's fight against Tiversa.

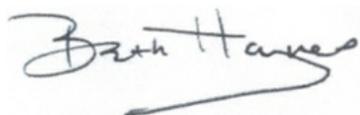
But it isn't just the big bureaucracies that cause big problems. Doctors, patients, and medical providers are subject to unfettered, regulatory and semi-regulatory agencies of all sizes that only grow in scope and power. The result is increased cost, frustration, inefficiency, and in Daugherty's case, destruction of a business he personally built.

We've uploaded a **video** of Mr. Daugherty's presentation of this **unfortunate, but**

fascinating case to BRI medical students at the Leadership Conference in March 2015. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with Daugherty's story, and see what can go wrong with bureaucracies run amok due to the broad delegation of (frequently arbitrary) authority, insufficient oversight, and little recourse for those caught in a regulatory tangle. We all -- patients, doctors, and medical providers -- pay the price of a grossly bureaucratic, unmonitored, regulatory system with too much power.

[Forward this email to your friends and colleagues](#) and invite them to watch Mike's presentation. Ask them to [sign up for our newsletter](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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Coming to a Campus near You! The BRI Calendar of Events

Jun 1 @ 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm Eastern

FREE event | All are welcome

Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth

Debate: Physician Aid in Dying - Should it Be Legal? 3 Viewpoints

Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall 6:45pm

Pre-event cheese and crackers reception

An evening of lively, thought-provoking debate to look at three views on physician aid in dying. What are the moral, ethical, and medical ramifications? Ultimately, who decides - the patient, the family, the society, or the physician? Three distinguished experts on the matter: Dr. Ronald Green, Professor of Religion/Dartmouth, Peter Schwartz, Retired Chairman of the Board of the Ayn Rand Institute, and Dr. Robert Macauley, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Vermont College of Medicine.

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