

July 17, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Blanche:

On behalf of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, I am writing to share the enclosed amicus curiae brief that MedChi filed in support of Dr. Ron Elfenbein during his federal criminal proceedings. This case is a Biden era prosecution that currently lingers in your office and has currently been set for a new hearing.

MedChi filed this brief because we believe the issues raised in Dr. Elfenbein's case extend beyond a single physician and have significant implications for the medical profession. Our concern has centered on the potential impact that criminal prosecution of physicians, particularly in cases involving the exercise of clinical judgment, may have on patient care, physician decision-making, and access to necessary medical treatment. To make it clear in this case services were provided, the theory is the coding was incorrect and that is the basis of the fraud.

As the Department continues its work evaluating healthcare-related enforcement priorities, we wanted to ensure you were aware of MedChi's longstanding advocacy in this matter. While we recognize and respect the Department's responsibility to enforce federal law, we believe the perspectives of practicing physicians and organized medicine are important considerations when cases have the potential to influence the practice of medicine more broadly.

We respectfully ask that the enclosed brief be reviewed as part of any consideration of issues relating to Dr. Elfenbein's case and that pursuing it further as a criminal matter does not further justice in any manner. Furthermore, we would respectfully request your team consider the positions in similar matters involving physician clinical judgment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your service and your commitment to the fair administration of justice.

Sincerely,



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