

Jennifer M. Smith, Administrator
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Thank you for providing the report on the inspection of Preterm conducted by David Lawrence and Chief Carrocci on 4/23/15. After reading through the report, it seems the observation that "no serious life violations were found" was based solely upon a visual inspection on one particular day and failed to address the two specific incidents cited in the formal complaint in which "serious life violations" were, in fact, in evidence as Preterm's malfunctioning elevator was complicit in delaying the ability of the responding EMT crew to administer emergency care in a critical and timely manner.

In the first case on March 31, 2012 a woman who was hemorrhaging profusely needed to be carried down the stairs to the waiting ambulance in order for the EMTs to administer aid. The carrying process delayed the time when she would receive treatment. We do not know if the delay proved fatal.

In the second case on March 21, 2014, EMTs were unable to place the imperiled, non-breathing woman in the prone position that was required in order to administer oxygen. The delay squandered precious minutes and may have been the critical element in the death of LaKisha Wilson.

The report states that Preterm is in the "process of obtaining permits from the City of Cleveland to begin extensive repairs to its elevator". However, the fact remains that based upon the previous history of actual harm caused by the inadequate elevator, while the repair process goes forward women's lives remain in jeopardy due to Preterm's having an elevator that is inadequate to insure their safety should an emergency occur.

Please refer to the attached reports from the EMTs on March 31, 2012 and March 21, 2014 and read the delays the EMT crews experienced in their ability to administer critical, life sustaining aid due to the inadequate elevator that was in service on both of those days and that still exists today.

Out of this very real concern for the health and safety of women, we are requesting that you issue an order to Preterm to cease operations until such time as the safety of their clients can be absolutely assured. Preterm should not be permitted to expose women to harm and possible death.

Respectfully,

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Cheryl Sullenger, Operation Rescue

Pastor Ernie Sanders, Geauga County Right to Life

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