

**PE1651//LLLLLLLLLLLLL**

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I am writing this letter, so you will understand the harm and deaths from antidepressants.

On September 8, 2011, my 42 year old beloved son took his life. I couldn't wrap my mind around how this could even be true. He wasn't suicidal in his life. He lived across the street from me and I saw him all the time, I would know as a mom, if something was bothering him.

As you can probably imagine, I asked my daughter in-law every question I could think of, to get a reason to WHY. If you lose a family member to suicide you want to know WHY! Everything I asked her, she said no to. Finally, one day I called her and asked if he was taking any medications and she said yes, Zoloft (Sertraline) and Wellbutrin (Bupropion). I asked her, was he feeling depressed?

She told me in 1999 he saw his PA and was diagnosed with generalized anxiety. That through the years he tried to get off them, because of the side effects he suffered with. Only to not be able to do it. Then in the spring of 2011, he told his wife he wanted his life back and called his doctor to get tapered off them.

I have had to learn the hard way that doctors taper their patients to fast. I'm sure you have heard this from most of the people who have written in to you. A few months later withdrawals hit him. Which is typical with antidepressants. More anxiety and not being able to sleep. THIS probably caused him to feel depressed, and so he called his doctor to go back on them, not knowing it was the antidepressants that caused his problems.

**NINE DAYS AFTER RESTARTING ZOLOFT (SERTRALINE) HE SHOT HIMSELF!**

I would love to tell you about his day before he suddenly and so out of character ended his life. Leaving a widow and two children fatherless.

Something needs to be done, as too many people have taken their lives or other lives.