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RACHEL

My name is Rachel Jacobs and I am Carl's wife. He is great guy and I love him dearly. He is also my best friend. I think you ought to know how Carl has changed because of this injury. He used to be a very self confident person. He was a "people person" Now he is withdrawn and feels worthless. He constantly thinks people are starring at him and feels deformed and ugly. He hides his hand under his arm so that he won't feel embarrassed when people see him. You would be surprised at what we do that requires two hands. Everything from tying shoes to carrying things. This injury really took a lot of "life" out of Carl.

I feel very strongly that people who go through a medical injury like this should be able to tell their story to a jury and that the jury should decide what is right under the circumstances without limitation. I understand that because Carl's injury was back in 2001, that the new law will not apply to his case but I feel that people who are injured because of medical negligence in the future should have the same justice as Carl will have. I hope you will take these circumstances into consideration as you consider any changes in malpractice law.

Thank you for your time.