



February 19, 2021

Dear Members of the U.S. Senate:

As you are working to confirm President Joe Biden's pick for Health and Human Services Secretary, Xavier Becerra, next week, we would like to bring your attention to Jeffrey Lieberman, who is seeking a position under him. Dr. Lieberman, we believe, would be a danger to public health and the nation and should be investigated before he takes an important position.

We say so in part because:

1. He enabled a dangerously impaired U.S. president who was eventually responsible for failing to contain a viral pandemic and for inciting a violent insurrection, in apparent exchange for funds and privileges from the Trump administration.
2. He committed the most egregious violation of professional ethics in a popular article, even as he falsely accused conscientious mental health professionals who were simply trying to fulfill their societal responsibilities of doing what he in fact did unethically.
3. He has a history of performing questionable medical experiments that, in some other countries, may rise to the level of torture. When a Pulitzer-nominated journalist investigated this issue, he attacked the journalist instead.
4. He appears, in a recent address, to have coopted and potentially plagiarized our previous statements.

In sum, Dr. Lieberman spent his time, influence, and effort to stop mental health professionals from fulfilling their duty to society, and then pretended that he took their position all along. We do not believe he has a place in the Biden administration, as we outline in greater detail here:

<https://www.meidastouch.com/post/op-ed-trumpism-did-not-end-with-donald-trump>
<https://bandyxee.medium.com/dr-jeffrey-lieberman-needs-to-be-investigated-8935446096f3>

An investigative report and a citizen petition agree with us:

<https://www.madinamerica.com/2020/04/muzzled-psychiatry-time-crisis/>
<https://www.change.org/p/citizens-concerned-about-the-mental-of-our-leaders-petition-to-president-elect-joseph-r-biden-jr-re-health-and-human-services-appointee>

Dr. Lieberman should be investigated before he is admitted into any office or position of power that can have widespread public health implications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bandy X. Lee'.

Bandy X. Lee, M.D., M.Div.
On Behalf of the World Mental Health Coalition
worldmhc.org