LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES

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(not published, cowardly so)

I'm writing to you regarding the publication of your upcoming article entitled, Doctors Gave Her Antipsychotics: She Decided to Live With Her Voices. I have read this article and it's a very unexpected gift.

The medical model of mental illness came about in 1956 when the first two psychiatric drugs were discovered, and the drug companies swooped in. In willful ignorance of the prior discoveries of Sigmund Freud, the drug companies sensed an imminent cash-cow-killing to be made. Their promotional rhetoric was that their products were so good, mental patients should be forced to take them even when they didn't wish to do so. However, the drug companies realized that forcing patients to take medication would be a violation of human rights and legal mores, and they knew they had to find a way of getting around that. It became obvious

that the only way to accomplish this would be to publically discredit mental patients initially. Thus, the news media and Hollywood became accomplices to an enduring scandal.

For the New York Times to now publish an article which is 100% percent in agreement with the antipsychiatry movement's point of view, this seems a miracle too good to be true. But it is happening anyway.

Thank you so kindly.