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**Letter: Conservatorship/guardianship exploitation**

- David Redkey, Downtown
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In 2023, Arizona promised reform after SB1291 — but families are still being robbed. A “soft” or “light” conservatorship meant to protect assets became years of outside control: orders with no preserved hearing record, ex-parte medical reports from unrelated cases, and fee approvals that look more like paychecks to insiders than care for a vulnerable person. Not a single jury trial has vindicated those rights, and I’m one of many still denied justice.

Worse, the Probate Advisory Panel required by law hasn’t even reached quorum nearly two years after enactment, blocking oversight the public was promised. Even Court Accountant’s report in my case shows over-budget spending, missing invoices, unexplained transfers, and large payees — but still approved.

I’m running for Congress to fix this. Federally enforceable reforms when the state fails to protect their vulnerable citizens. If you believe the law should protect people — not enrich insiders — join me in demanding real accountability now.

**David Redkey**

*Downtown*

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