I would like to nominate the publication, “Mandating Health Behaviors – How Far Should It Go?” for the Dr. Ann E. Nolte Writing Award. This nomination is personal both to myself, as nominator, and to the nominee, Thomas O’Rourke, in that we were both colleagues of Dr. Nolte. Also, Dr. William H. Creswell, Jr., who was a close colleague of Dr. Nolte, as part of the seminal School Health Education Study (SHES), along with Dr. O’Rourke, were my mentors as a doctoral student at the University of Illinois in the 1970s.

The peer reviewed journal article meets the requirements for this award. Specifically, it focuses on philosophical/ethical issues that make a significant contribution to health education/health promotion literature. With respect to health education interventions, it raises and discusses important philosophical, ethical and practical questions relating to issues such as individual freedom, personal autonomy, beneficence, paternalism and collective good. Additionally it identifies and discusses these issues within the context of ethical principles and the Responsibilities and Competencies for Health Education Specialists and the Health Educator Code of Ethics.

The author, a 1989 recipient of the AAHE Scholar award, and currently Professor Emeritus of Community Health now in his 50th year at the University of Illinois, has a long and continuous record of scholarly contributions to the health education/health promotion literature.

The author has agreed to have this paper submitted for consideration. Additionally, as a lifetime member of Eta Sigma Gamma, if the paper is judged worthy of the Dr. Ann E. Nolte Award, the author has informed me that proceeds should be donated in his name to Eta Sigma Gamma.

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