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Department of Veterans Affairs
Iron Mountain VA Medical Center
Attn: Medical Center Director
325 East H Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

RE: Martin Colburn

Dear Congressional Liaison,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Martin Colburn. Mr. Colburn contacted my office because he believes that the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center violated his rights guaranteed by the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The enclosed letter from Mr. Colburn's representative, the Alliance Defense Fund, further details the complaint against the VA and his defense in regard to the actions taken by the VA.

I respectfully request that you look into this matter to determine if the VA acted appropriately and within the guidelines of our Constitution. If not, I trust that the Director's office will take the appropriate action against any employee who may have violated the Constitutional rights of my constituent as well as any veteran patients who requested Mr. Colburn's services. A review of the VA policies that led to this incident may also be in order to ensure that similar incidents do not occur in the future.

You may direct your response to Ron Lecker in my Green Bay office. Ron may also be reached via e-mail at Ron.Lecker@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Kagen, MD
Member of Congress

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