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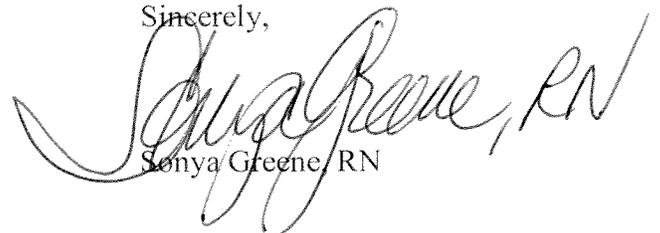
Dear Mr. Reukauf,

Let me begin by thanking your office for investigating the allegations that I reported to your agency. Prior to reporting the abuse by certain government employees, I thought of the Department of Veteran Affairs mission statement, “to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan”-Abraham Lincoln.

Every employee at John D. Dingell Medical can see these words each and everyday. They are affixed on a wall to be the first thing any employee will see upon entering the building and last words you will read before you exit. I have two family members whom have served this country with great honor. My deceased stepfather served in World War II and is buried at our National Cemetery in Holly, MI. My sister served 18 years in the Navy, doing several tours in the Gulf War. I believe that a great disservice and dishonor was committed against all of our service members. I could not sit idly and continue to allow management and other employees to abuse their position. Some of our service members return home wounded, disfigured or in coffins. I know the consequences of war are uncertain. The sacrifices of our service members are great and should not be taken lightly by anyone. The price of freedom isn't free. I thank any person that would place themselves in harms way for complete strangers. I think back to my childhood, my mother would say to me each time before I would leave her for school, church or to go and be with friends, “I want you to behave yourself as if I'm standing there watching you”. I believe everyone especially any government employee should conduct themselves as if they are being watched each and everyday.

Again, I thank you for assisting me in this matter and allowing me the opportunity to submit my comments.

Sincerely,



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