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Dear Dr. Fudin,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about retaliation against employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs who raise concerns about the quality of health care provided to veterans.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, it is vitally important that any and all credible assertions of wrongdoing that threaten the quality of care at a VA facility be fully and promptly investigated. Where there are specific and credible allegations of retaliation against a VA employee who has brought attention to wrongdoing, I also am committed to ensuring that he or she is provided the full protections under the law and is not illegally discharged as a result. If any such cases are brought to my attention, I will see that they get into the hands of the proper authorities as swiftly as possible.

Again, I appreciate your writing me.

Sincerely,



Daniel K. Akaka  
Chairman