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SENT via e-mail

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Dear Ms. Tokioka,

This letter comes as a sincere thank you for meeting with me today on behalf of the VA Whistleblowers Coalition. I was of course thrilled to learn of Mr. Akaka's history in support of legislation that will afford all government workers "real" whistleblower protection. It was comforting to learn of your insight specific to issues at hand, and the negative implications of ignoring a very serious problem that could ultimately adversely affect veteran care and otherwise destroy flourishing careers of honest, caring healthcare providers. Your sympathy toward our goals and the health and well being of both veterans and those that care for them was encouraging and thoughtful.

You will be interested to know that I bumped into Senator Akaka on my way out of your office (Picture on pg 2). He was extremely pleasant and immediately acknowledged my pin which states, "Promote Quality Veteran Health Care / Support VA Whistleblowers". He looked up with a kind smile and said, "Oh...I support VA whistleblowers. It's very important. I support all whistleblowers." Those words combined with your understanding demeanor made for a perfect start for me to "Whistleblower Week in Washington".



With sincere thanks,

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