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## Attachment 4

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I was fired by the Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs on January 17, 1991 because I wrote a letter to the VA's Inspector General. This letter documented mismanagement and malpractice which caused preventable deaths. [YES, I WAS REALLY FIRED FOR WRITING A LETTER!].

I testified before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Government Reform Committee which found:

"THE DVA DISCOURAGES THE REPORTING OF POOR QUALITY CARE BY HARASSING WHISTLEBLOWERS OR FIRING THEM."<sup>1</sup>

That subcommittee determined my case was:

"...typical of treatment received by DVA whistleblowers."<sup>2</sup>

I WAS DENIED DUE PROCESS. The Federal Courts DENIED statutory judicial review and dismissed, claiming "no subject matter jurisdiction." This was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court (2003). [see "Physician's Cases" in [www.Semmelweis.Org](http://www.Semmelweis.Org)]<sup>3</sup>

The Pennsylvania Unemployment Board found my firing was "not for cause" and ordered the VA to pay unemployment compensation (which it did) despite a vigorous challenge. I was wrongly fired and then paid tax dollars not to work!

Congress' INDIFFERENCE and FAILURE to take corrective action in my case and others like it has contributed to more preventable deaths. [ABC's PRIMETIME. April 8, 2004]

<sup>1</sup> Continuing Deficiencies In The Department Of Veterans' Affairs Medical Quality Assurance Program. Thirty-Eighth Report By The Committee On Government Operations. HR 102-1062. The U.S. House Of Representatives. November 9, 1992.

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 1. page 16.

<sup>3</sup> David A Shaller v United States. U.S. Supreme Court. No:03-70.