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	inequities affecting Medicaid recipients. 1. Direct Advocacy Efforts As the founder of ABI Resources, I have worked directly with Medicaid recipients, healthcare providers, and advocacy groups. These experiences revealed systemic barriers, inequities, and procedural failures within DSS: Barriers for ABI Waiver Recipients: Recipients consistently reported: Delays in Service Delivery: Long wait times for approvals and services under the ABI Waiver. Provider Network Issues: Limited provider access and a lack of clarity on eligibility criteria. Communication Failures: Inadequate outreach and guidance on Medicaid program changes. These barriers disproportionately impacted individuals with disabilities, violating federal Medicaid accessibility requirements under 42 CFR § 440.180 and ADA protections under 42 U.S.C. § 12132.
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Yamuna	Menon	The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, led by General Counsel Yamuna (Yam) Menon	The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, led by General Counsel Yamuna (Yam) Menon
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Appointed as Commissioner of DSS in early 2023, she oversees the department's	Andrea Barton Reeves: Appointed as Commissioner of DSS in early 2023, she oversees the department's
Dr. Mehul	Dalal	has been serving as the Chief	Dr. Mehul Dalal has been serving as the Chief Policy



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		Policy Advisor for the Connecticut Department of Social Services	Advisor for the Connecticut Department of Social Services
Joel	Norwood	Deputy Chief Policy Advisor	Deputy Chief Policy Advisor
Chiquita	Brooks-LaSure	Administrator of CMS	Administrator of CMS
Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS
Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS
Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller	Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller	Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller	Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Summary of Actions Needed (Ranked by Priority)

1. Federal Investigation (Highest Priority)

Purpose: Address systemic violations of constitutional law, ADA compliance, FOIA transparency, Medicaid regulations, and taxpayer accountability.

Key Objectives:

Investigate DSS for First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendment violations.

Enforce compliance with 42 U.S.C. § 12132 (ADA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA), 42 CFR § 430.35, and federal taxpayer protection laws.

Hold individuals and entities accountable for mismanagement and legal violations.

2. Audit of Contracts and Expenditures

Purpose: Ensure fiscal accountability and detect potential misuse of taxpayer funds.

Key Objectives:

Audit all contracts with Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP.

Identify conflicts of interest, improper influence, and unfulfilled deliverables.

Safeguard federal and state Medicaid funds.

3. Implementation of Corrective Measures

Purpose: Eliminate procedural barriers and ensure equity and accessibility in Medicaid administration.

Key Objectives:

Enforce FOIA compliance, including timely responses and accessible records.

Mandate ADA-compliant communication practices (e.g., screen-reader-compatible documents, simplified summaries).

Align DSS policies with federal equity standards under 42 CFR § 440.180.

4. Strengthening Whistleblower Protections

Purpose: Empower employees and stakeholders to expose misconduct without fear of retaliation.

Key Objectives:

Establish anonymous reporting mechanisms for systemic failures. Monitor and enforce whistleblower protections under the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302).

Penalize retaliatory actions to maintain transparency and accountability.

5. Mandate Transparency Reforms

Purpose: Restore public trust and ensure transparency in DSS operations and contractor engagements.



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Key Objectives:

Require DSS to publish contracts, expenditures, and Medicaid decisions.

Enforce public access to records through strict FOIA and ADA compliance.

Increase oversight of contractor influence and deliverables.

6. Expanded Oversight of Medicaid Administration

Purpose: Prevent further systemic failures and protect vulnerable populations reliant on Medicaid.

Key Objectives:

Ensure ABI Waiver amendments meet equity and accessibility standards.

Limit undue influence of contractors in policy decisions.

Mandate stakeholder consultation in Medicaid policymaking.

Conclusion

These actions are ranked by their importance to address systemic failures, protect constitutional and ADA rights, ensure equitable Medicaid services, and restore transparency and accountability in DSS operations. Immediate intervention is critical to safeguard public trust, taxpayer funds, and the well-being of Medicaid recipients.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:

Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

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Case ID #:

a. **What is the status of the matter?**

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I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Records Regarding Connecticut Medicaid Programs, ABI Waiver, Amendments, and Federal Agency Oversight and Communications with Accenture and Manatt (2012–Present) (Office of the State Comptroller) (1).zip
requests (4).csv
requests (5).csv
requests (6).csv
11.27.2024 What Actions Did They Take.pdf
09.24.2024 Federal_Intervention_HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf
Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity Whistleblower Report Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs.pdf

CONSENT

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I consent to disclosure of my identity.

Yes



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No

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes

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This Disclosure of Information was Received by OSC on: 11/27/2024

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- gross waste of funds;
- an abuse of authority;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; and/or
- censorship related to scientific research.

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Cell phone: No

Home phone: No

Office phone: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation? No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Middle Initial:

Last Name:*

International Address?:

Address: *



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Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Department/Agency about which you are making a disclosure.

Department:* Health and Human Services

Agency:* Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services

Agency subcomponent: Office of the Inspector General (OIG)

Street Address: 200 Independence Avenue, SW

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip Code: 20201

Employment Status:* Non-Federal Employee (please specify)

Title	Series	Grade

Please provide your dates of employment in this position.

Employment Service Type	Employment Service Subtype	If Other (specify)
Excepted Service	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower
Other	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower

Are you covered by a collective bargaining agreement?

DETAILS OF YOUR DISCLOSURES



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Please identify the type of wrongdoing that you are alleging. You can make multiple disclosures, but you **MUST** choose one option. If you check "violation of law, rule, or regulation," specify, if you can, the particular law, rule or regulation violated (by name, subject, and/or legal citation). For each allegation, please answer the following questions (be as specific as possible). Please keep in mind that you will have an opportunity to provide more information and someone from OSC will contact you.

If OSC determines there is a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing, OSC will refer your disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. To meet the substantial likelihood standard, there must be a significant probability that the information reveals wrongdoing that falls within one or more of the categories above. In its evaluation, OSC considers the strength, reliability, and credibility of the disclosures. If the substantial likelihood determination cannot be made, OSC will determine whether there is sufficient information to exercise its discretion to refer the allegations.

DISCLOSURES

Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	
When did this occur?	
How did you discover this action?	
What additional facts support your allegation?	
Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, led by General Counsel Yamuna (Yam) Menon, failed to comply with state and federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements by: Failing to conduct adequate records searches. Failing to redirect or identify responsible agencies holding requested records. Failing to provide legally required Vaughn Indexes or explanations for withheld information. Additionally, the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), in collaboration with contractors such as Accenture and Manatt, contributed to potential violations by failing to ensure public



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	transparency and compliance with Medicaid oversight regulations under 42 CFR § 430.35.
When did this occur?	Timeframe: The violations began on or around October 29, 2024, when I submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller and other agencies. These violations are ongoing as the agencies have failed to provide adequate responses, conduct sufficient records searches, or adhere to federal and state transparency laws.
How did you discover this action?	I discovered these actions through my direct engagement with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process and my involvement as an advocate for Medicaid recipients, particularly individuals relying on the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver. The following key events revealed the systemic issues: 1. FOIA Requests and Responses On October 29, 2024, I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), and other agencies for records related to Medicaid programs, ABI Waiver amendments, and contractor activities involving Accenture and Manatt. Agencies failed to conduct adequate searches, provide redirections, or adhere to legal timelines, as evidenced by their incomplete responses and appeals communications between October 30 and November 12, 2024. 2. ADA Accommodation Requests I submitted ADA accommodation requests alongside my FOIA filings, as required by my traumatic brain injury (TBI)-related needs. The agencies failed to implement these accommodations, creating procedural barriers and violating federal law. This became evident during their responses to my FOIA requests and appeals in October and November 2024. 3. Medicaid Program Advocacy Through my advocacy work as the founder of ABI Resources, I identified long-standing concerns with Medicaid program transparency and contractor influence. Patterns of mismanagement emerged during reviews of Medicaid amendment processes and stakeholder communications dating back to 2012. The lack of publicly available documentation



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	regarding ABI Waiver amendments and related policies further highlighted systemic failures. 4. Contractor Influence Concerns regarding contractor influence (Accenture and Manatt) were raised by stakeholders and whistleblowers in my network. Their activities, including policy advising without adequate oversight, were identified as contributing to a lack of transparency and potential fiscal waste.
What additional facts support your allegation?	The following facts and documentation substantiate my allegations regarding violations of law, gross mismanagement, abuse of authority, and systemic accountability failures: 1. FOIA Non-Compliance Failure to Conduct Adequate Searches: The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller failed to certify search methodologies or consult appropriate personnel, violating 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-211. No redirections to responsible agencies were made, despite clear indications that records related to Medicaid amendments and contractors (Accenture and Manatt) exist elsewhere. The absence of a Vaughn Index or justification for withheld records violates transparency standards upheld in <i>NARA v. Favish</i> (2004). Documentation: FOIA requests and appeals filed between October 29, 2024, and November 12, 2024, show consistent procedural failures. Agency responses, including a lack of clarity from the Office of the State Comptroller, confirm incomplete searches and non-compliance with FOIA laws. 2. ADA Violations Failure to Provide Accommodations: Requests for email-only communication, embedded text in email bodies, and screen-reader-compatible PDFs were ignored. This violates 42 U.S.C. § 12132 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which mandate equal access for individuals with disabilities. The procedural barriers created by these failures disproportionately impacted my ability to process records effectively, constituting discrimination under <i>Tennessee v. Lane</i> (2004). Documentation: ADA accommodation requests submitted alongside FOIA filings show non-compliance



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	with reasonable accommodation standards. Agency correspondence from November 2024 fails to address accommodation needs explicitly, despite repeated reminders. 3. Gross Mismanagement of Medicaid Programs Lack of Oversight in ABI Waiver Amendments: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) engaged contractors (Accenture and Manatt) to advise on Medicaid amendments and managed care models without adequate public transparency or oversight. Failure to comply with federal Medicaid regulations (42 CFR § 430.35) raises concerns about state accountability for program administration. Documentation: No records have been provided to substantiate claims of federal or state review of ABI Waiver amendments or contractor activities. Whistleblower insights suggest contractors influenced policy decisions without addressing stakeholder concerns about accessibility and equity. 4. Abuse of Authority Suppression of Whistleblowers: Whistleblowers reporting systemic Medicaid mismanagement and potential conflicts of interest involving contractors have faced barriers to disclosure, violating the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302). Agency responses demonstrate a lack of clear mechanisms for reporting or addressing whistleblower concerns. Documentation: Reports from stakeholders highlight systemic suppression of dissent and insufficient safeguards for whistleblower anonymity. Corresp
Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	The following individuals and contractors, under the leadership of the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), engaged in actions and inactions that violated constitutional law rights, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Medicaid regulations, taxpayer accountability standards, and whistleblower protections. Their combined failures perpetuated systemic inequities, regulatory non-compliance, and a lack of transparency and accountability in Medicaid program administration, particularly the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver. Key Individuals and Their Actions 1. Andrea Barton Reeves



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	Role: Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) (Appointed 2023) Actions and Violations: Failure to Uphold Constitutional Rights: Obstructed transparency guaranteed under the First Amendment, infringing on the public's right to access government information and participate in policymaking. Ignored due process and equal protection obligations under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments by failing to implement ADA accommodations and equitable Medicaid policies. Violation of Federal Medicaid Standards: Allowed DSS to proceed with Medicaid amendments, including ABI Waiver updates, without ensuring compliance with 42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq. and 42 CFR § 430.35, which mandate equity, accessibility, and accountability in Medicaid-funded programs. Failed to address systemic inequities that disproportionately impact individuals with brain injuries and disabilities. Transparency Failures: Ignored state and federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, obstructing access to public records related to Medicaid funding, contractor agreements, and policy development. Repeatedly denied ADA accommodation requests, violating 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and creating procedural barriers for individuals with disabilities seeking access to public information. Fiscal Mismanagement: Oversaw contracts with Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, resulting in potential misuse of taxpayer dollars without measurable deliverables or fiscal transparency. 2. Dr. Mehul Dalal Role: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS (Appointed July 2023) Actions and Violations: Policy Decisions Without Public Accountability: Directed Medicaid policies, including ABI Waiver amendments, without adequately consulting Medicaid recipients, providers, or advocacy groups. Ignored federal accessibility requirements under the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12132) and related Medicaid statutes. Failure to Monitor Contractor Activities: Neglected to establish oversight mechanisms for contractors influencing key Medicaid decisions, allowing Accenture and Manatt to operate
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	without transparency or accountability. Constitutional and Regulatory Breaches: Violated the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and Medicaid accessibility regulations under 42 CFR § 440.180 by failing to protect Medicaid recipients' rights to equitable services. 3. Joel Norwood Role: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS (Appointe
When did this occur?	The systemic mismanagement and failures in the administration of the Medicaid program, particularly the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver, have occurred over an extended period. Key timeframes illustrate how these issues evolved and were perpetuated under the leadership of Andrea Barton Reeves, Dr. Mehul Dalal, and Joel Norwood, and through contractor influence from Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP. These actions and inactions span from 2012 to the present, with specific incidents detailed below: Key Timeframes and Incidents 1. Initial Contractor Engagement and Longstanding Issues (2012–2022) 2012: DSS engaged Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP as contractors to advise on Medicaid program development and amendments. During this period, systemic issues in transparency and accountability began to emerge as contractors influenced Medicaid policy without adequate oversight mechanisms. Federal and state accessibility requirements were often overlooked in policy deci
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? The actions and systemic failures in the administration of Medicaid programs, particularly the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver, were uncovered through a comprehensive approach combining advocacy efforts, FOIA engagement, stakeholder testimonies, procedural analysis, and legal research. Each method revealed patterns of mismanagement, non-compliance with federal and state laws, and significant gaps in transparency and accountability. 1. Direct Advocacy Efforts As the founder of ABI Resources, I have worked extensively with Medicaid recipients, healthcare providers, and advocacy organizations. My work uncovered: Systemic Barriers to



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	Services: Medicaid recipients reported consistent difficulties accessing equitable care, particularly under the ABI Waiver. These included: Delayed access to providers and services. Inadequate outreach and support for individuals with brain injuries. Confusion about eligibility changes and amendments to Medicaid programs. Stakeholder Concerns: Providers raised alarms about delays in reimbursements and unclear guidance from DSS, pointing to inefficiencies in Medicaid administration. Advocacy groups expressed frustration over the lack of meaningful consultation during key policy changes, indicating that Medicaid recipients and stakeholders were often excluded from the decision-making process. 2. FOIA Requests and Engagement Initial FOIA Requests (October 29, 2024): I filed FOIA requests with DSS, the Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, and related agencies to obtain records detailing: Medicaid program management. ABI Waiver amendments and updates. Contractor involvement with Accenture and Manatt. Responses revealed: Incomplete or obstructed records searches. Lack of compliance with FOIA transparency standards under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-211. No justification for withheld documents, violating transparency precedents such as <i>NARA v. Favish</i> (2004). FOIA Appeals (October 30–November 12, 2024): Appeals to FOIA denials further highlighted systemic barriers, including: Procedural delays and inadequate records searches. Refusal to implement ADA accommodations, such as email-only communication and simplified summaries for complex records, violating 42 U.S.C. § 12132 (ADA). 3. Stakeholder Reports and Testimonies Medicaid Recipients: Individuals relying on ABI Waiver services reported barriers such as: Inequitable access to healthcare providers. Delays in receiving services critical to their health and quality of life. Difficulty navigating program changes due to lack of clear communication from DSS. Healthcare Providers and Advocacy Groups: Providers cited inefficiencies in DSS policies that created financial strain and administrative delays. Advocacy
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	groups expressed concerns about DSS's reliance on contractors like Accenture and Manatt, highlighting the lack of public consultation or oversight in Medicaid policy decisions. 4. Procedural and Regulatory Analysis
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation of a Violation of Law, Rule, or Regulation? The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), under Andrea Barton Reeves' leadership, along with Dr. Mehul Dalal, Joel Norwood, and contractors Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, engaged in actions and inactions that violated multiple federal and state laws, regulations, and constitutional protections. The following detailed facts substantiate the allegations of these violations: 1. Violations of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Failure to Conduct Adequate Records Searches DSS failed to conduct reasonable and thorough searches for FOIA-requested records concerning Medicaid program amendments, ABI Waiver updates, and contractor agreements, violating 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-211. No certification of search methodology or systems consulted was provided, leaving the scope and integrity of the search unclear. Failure to Provide Justifications for Withholding Records DSS did not provide legally required Vaughn Indexes or other detailed explanations for records that were withheld or redacted, violating transparency standards established in <i>NARA v. Favish</i> (2004). The refusal to disclose contracts and communications with Accenture and Manatt raises concerns about deliberate obstruction. Evidence of FOIA Non-Compliance FOIA requests submitted on October 29, 2024, and appeals filed between October 30 and November 12, 2024, demonstrate: Incomplete searches and refusals to produce responsive documents. Persistent delays and procedural barriers. 2. Violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Denial of ADA Accommodations DSS failed to provide legally mandated accommodations requested alongside FOIA filings, including: Email-only communication for accessibility. Screen-reader-compatible PDF formats. Simplified



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	summaries for complex documents. These failures violated 42 U.S.C. § 12132 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which mandate equal access for individuals with disabilities. Procedural Barriers The lack of accommodations created additional barriers for individuals with disabilities, depriving them of their constitutional right to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment. 3. Non-Compliance with Federal Medicaid Regulations Failure to Meet Federal Accessibility and Equity Standards DSS neglected to ensure that amendments to the ABI Waiver complied with 42 CFR § 430.35, which mandates equity, accessibility, and proper federal oversight in Medicaid-funded programs. Medicaid recipients, particularly those with brain injuries, reported delays and inequities in accessing services, demonstrating DSS's failure to implement accessible and equitable care under 42 U.S.C. § 12132. Inadequate Oversight of Contractor Activities Contractors Accenture and Manatt played significant roles in advising on Medicaid amendments and managed care models, but DSS failed to establish: Transparency mechanisms for their recommen
Allegation	Abuse of Authority
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? The individuals responsible for the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and related entities engaged in actions and inactions that violated constitutional rights, ADA requirements, state and federal Medicaid laws, taxpayer accountability standards, FOIA transparency obligations, and whistleblower protections. These actions collectively contributed to systemic failures, mismanagement, and inequities in Medicaid program administration, particularly the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver. Key Individuals and Their Actions 1. Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Actions and Violations: Constitutional Violations: Denied access to public records, violating the First Amendment guarantee of transparency and public participation in government accountability. Failed to



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	uphold due process and equal protection rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments by neglecting to implement ADA accommodations and equitable Medicaid policies. Non-Compliance with Medicaid Standards: Allowed DSS to implement Medicaid amendments, including ABI Waiver updates, without ensuring compliance with 42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq. and 42 CFR § 430.35, which mandate equity, accessibility, and federal oversight. Ignored systemic barriers that disproportionately affect Medicaid recipients with disabilities, violating federal accessibility requirements under 42 U.S.C. § 12132. FOIA and Transparency Failures: Repeatedly obstructed public access to Medicaid program records by failing to respond adequately to FOIA requests, violating 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-211. Ignored FOIA appeals and refused to provide Vaughn Indexes or certifications of record searches, demonstrating a deliberate obstruction of transparency laws. Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds: Authorized contracts with Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, without adequate oversight or accountability mechanisms, raising concerns about potential misuse of taxpayer dollars. 2. Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS Actions and Violations: Policy Development Without Oversight: Played a leading role in shaping Medicaid policies, including amendments to the ABI Waiver, without ensuring alignment with federal regulations or addressing stakeholder concerns about inequities. ADA and Medicaid Violations: Failed to implement policies that met federal accessibility standards under 42 U.S.C. § 12132 and 42 CFR § 440.180, leaving individuals with disabilities underserved. Transparency Failures: Did not address procedural barriers in FOIA responses, obstructing public accountability and violating transparency laws. 3. Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS Actions and Violations: Neglect of Oversight Responsibilities: Shared responsibility for inadequate monitoring of ABI Waiver amendments, resulting in gaps in equity and
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	accessibility for Medicaid recipients. Procedural and Accountability Failu
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The systemic violations and abuses of authority in the administration of Medicaid programs, particularly the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver, span over a decade, beginning in 2012 with contractor engagements and escalating in 2023 under the leadership of Andrea Barton Reeves. These failures continued through November 2024, with key incidents highlighting worsening transparency violations, non-compliance with federal laws, and inequities in Medicaid services. Below is a comprehensive timeline with specific legal references and examples of harm: _____ 1. Initial Contractor Engagements and Policy Decisions (2012–2022) • 2012: • DSS engaged Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP to provide consulting services for Medicaid program development, including amendments to the ABI Waiver and managed care models. • Contractor influence occurred without adequate oversight or accountability mechanisms, violating transparency standards
How did you discover this action?	The systemic abuses of authority, transparency failures, and regulatory violations within the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) were uncovered through a multi-pronged approach, including direct advocacy efforts, FOIA requests and appeals, stakeholder testimonies, procedural analysis, and legal research. Each method revealed evidence of persistent mismanagement, non-compliance with state and federal laws, and systemic inequities affecting Medicaid recipients.
What additional facts support your allegation?	The systemic abuses of authority, transparency failures, and regulatory violations within the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) were uncovered through a multi-pronged approach, including direct advocacy efforts, FOIA requests and appeals, stakeholder testimonies, procedural analysis, and legal research. Each method revealed evidence of persistent mismanagement, non-compliance with state and federal laws, and systemic



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	inequities affecting Medicaid recipients. 1. Direct Advocacy Efforts As the founder of ABI Resources, I have worked directly with Medicaid recipients, healthcare providers, and advocacy groups. These experiences revealed systemic barriers, inequities, and procedural failures within DSS: Barriers for ABI Waiver Recipients: Recipients consistently reported: Delays in Service Delivery: Long wait times for approvals and services under the ABI Waiver. Provider Network Issues: Limited provider access and a lack of clarity on eligibility criteria. Communication Failures: Inadequate outreach and guidance on Medicaid program changes. These barriers disproportionately impacted individuals with disabilities, violating federal Medicaid accessibility requirements under 42 CFR § 440.180 and ADA protections under 42 U.S.C. § 12132.
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Yamuna	Menon	The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, led by General Counsel Yamuna (Yam) Menon	The Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller, led by General Counsel Yamuna (Yam) Menon
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Appointed as Commissioner of DSS in early 2023, she oversees the department's	Andrea Barton Reeves: Appointed as Commissioner of DSS in early 2023, she oversees the department's
Dr. Mehul	Dalal	has been serving as the Chief	Dr. Mehul Dalal has been serving as the Chief Policy



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		Policy Advisor for the Connecticut Department of Social Services	Advisor for the Connecticut Department of Social Services
Joel	Norwood	Deputy Chief Policy Advisor	Deputy Chief Policy Advisor
Chiquita	Brooks-LaSure	Administrator of CMS	Administrator of CMS
Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Dr. Mehul Dalal Title: Chief Policy Advisor, DSS
Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS	Joel Norwood Title: Deputy Chief Policy Advisor, DSS
Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller	Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller	Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller	Yamuna (Yam) Menon Title: General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Summary of Actions Needed (Ranked by Priority)

1. Federal Investigation (Highest Priority)

Purpose: Address systemic violations of constitutional law, ADA compliance, FOIA transparency, Medicaid regulations, and taxpayer accountability.

Key Objectives:

Investigate DSS for First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendment violations.

Enforce compliance with 42 U.S.C. § 12132 (ADA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA), 42 CFR § 430.35, and federal taxpayer protection laws.

Hold individuals and entities accountable for mismanagement and legal violations.

2. Audit of Contracts and Expenditures

Purpose: Ensure fiscal accountability and detect potential misuse of taxpayer funds.

Key Objectives:

Audit all contracts with Accenture and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP.

Identify conflicts of interest, improper influence, and unfulfilled deliverables.

Safeguard federal and state Medicaid funds.

3. Implementation of Corrective Measures

Purpose: Eliminate procedural barriers and ensure equity and accessibility in Medicaid administration.

Key Objectives:

Enforce FOIA compliance, including timely responses and accessible records.

Mandate ADA-compliant communication practices (e.g., screen-reader-compatible documents, simplified summaries).

Align DSS policies with federal equity standards under 42 CFR § 440.180.

4. Strengthening Whistleblower Protections

Purpose: Empower employees and stakeholders to expose misconduct without fear of retaliation.

Key Objectives:

Establish anonymous reporting mechanisms for systemic failures. Monitor and enforce whistleblower protections under the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302).

Penalize retaliatory actions to maintain transparency and accountability.

5. Mandate Transparency Reforms

Purpose: Restore public trust and ensure transparency in DSS operations and contractor engagements.



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Key Objectives:

Require DSS to publish contracts, expenditures, and Medicaid decisions.

Enforce public access to records through strict FOIA and ADA compliance.

Increase oversight of contractor influence and deliverables.

6. Expanded Oversight of Medicaid Administration

Purpose: Prevent further systemic failures and protect vulnerable populations reliant on Medicaid.

Key Objectives:

Ensure ABI Waiver amendments meet equity and accessibility standards.

Limit undue influence of contractors in policy decisions.

Mandate stakeholder consultation in Medicaid policymaking.

Conclusion

These actions are ranked by their importance to address systemic failures, protect constitutional and ADA rights, ensure equitable Medicaid services, and restore transparency and accountability in DSS operations. Immediate intervention is critical to safeguard public trust, taxpayer funds, and the well-being of Medicaid recipients.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:

Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

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Last Name:

Title:

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a. **What is the status of the matter?**

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I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Records Regarding Connecticut Medicaid Programs, ABI Waiver, Amendments, and Federal Agency Oversight and Communications with Accenture and Manatt (2012–Present) (Office of the State Comptroller) (1).zip
requests (4).csv
requests (5).csv
requests (6).csv
11.27.2024 What Actions Did They Take.pdf
09.24.2024 Federal_Intervention_HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf
Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity Whistleblower Report Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs.pdf

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Yes



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No

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I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes

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- gross waste of funds;
- an abuse of authority;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; and/or
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- state employees operating under federal grants;
- employees of federal contractors;
- other employees or federal agencies that are exempt under federal law; and
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Do you believe you suffered retaliation by your agency for disclosing wrongdoing? If yes, you may file a complaint of retaliation by navigating back to "My Cases" and selecting "New Complaint." Select Option 1 to complete and submit a Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity (PPPs). *If you have already completed the Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity above, please continue with this Disclosure.* PPPs are employment-related activities that are banned in the federal workforce.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Title:

First Name:* David

Middle Initial:

Last Name:* Medeiros

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Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Email Address:* aabiwr@live.com

Preferred means of contact:

Email: Yes

Cell phone: No

Home phone: No

Office phone: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation? No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Middle Initial:

Last Name:*

International Address?:

Address: *



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Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Department/Agency about which you are making a disclosure.

Department:* Justice

Agency:* Office Of The Inspector General

Agency subcomponent: Office of the Inspector General (OIG) For DOJ: Disability Rights
Section For HHS: Office for Civil R

Street Address: 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip Code: 20201

Employment Status:* Non-Federal Employee (please specify)

Title	Series	Grade

Please provide your dates of employment in this position.

Employment Service Type	Employment Service Subtype	If Other (specify)
Excepted Service	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower
Other	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower

Are you covered by a collective bargaining agreement?



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DETAILS OF YOUR DISCLOSURES

Please identify the type of wrongdoing that you are alleging. You can make multiple disclosures, but you **MUST** choose one option. If you check "violation of law, rule, or regulation," specify, if you can, the particular law, rule or regulation violated (by name, subject, and/or legal citation). For each allegation, please answer the following questions (be as specific as possible). Please keep in mind that you will have an opportunity to provide more information and someone from OSC will contact you.

If OSC determines there is a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing, OSC will refer your disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. To meet the substantial likelihood standard, there must be a significant probability that the information reveals wrongdoing that falls within one or more of the categories above. In its evaluation, OSC considers the strength, reliability, and credibility of the disclosures. If the substantial likelihood determination cannot be made, OSC will determine whether there is sufficient information to exercise its discretion to refer the allegations.

DISCLOSURES

Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Involved Parties 1. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): - Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating ADA and First Amendment protections. - Refused to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified processes. - Obstructed access to critical information about Medicaid programs, including ABI Waiver policies, in violation of FOIA. - Retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on systemic Medicaid mismanagement. 2. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): - Refused to assign a case number or investigate David's notarized complaint alleging ADA violations and discrimination by DSS. - Ignored follow-up inquiries regarding the status of the complaint, denying due process and perpetuating



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	discrimination. 3. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: • Failed to act on evidence submitted by David Medeiros regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's inaction. • Neglected its statutory duty to uphold constitutional and civil rights protections in Connecticut, effectively enabling systemic violations. 4. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: • Ignored David's formal complaints regarding ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic corruption within Connecticut's Medicaid program. • Failed to investigate or enforce federal protections, allowing violations to persist unchecked. 5. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): • Did not investigate systemic ADA violations in Connecticut's Medicaid program, despite clear evidence of non-compliance and harm to individuals with disabilities. 6. Connecticut Governor's Office: • Failed to intervene or provide oversight of DSS and CHRO despite being alerted to systemic violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. 7. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): • Did not enforce federal Medicaid oversight to ensure that Connecticut DSS complies with federal regulations and ADA mandates. Summary of Actions: • Exclusion: Agencies excluded David from forums and processes critical to his advocacy and whistleblower activities. • Retaliation: State and federal actors retaliated against David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement, violating whistleblower protections. • Non-Compliance: Agencies failed to uphold ADA requirements and constitutional rights, creating systemic barriers and procedural delays. • Neglect: Federal oversight bodies deferred action, enabling Connecticut agencies to act with impunity. Constitutional Violations and Crimes Committed 12. First Amendment Violations • Suppression of Petition Rights: By ignoring David Medeiros' complaints and failing to investigate or act on his claims, Connecticut state agencies and federal oversight bodies have
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	suppressed his constitutional right to petition the government for redress of grievances. • Retaliation Against Free Speech: Retaliatory actions, such a
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	Submission to DOJ David submitted a comprehensive complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), detailing ADA violations, constitutional breaches, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement by Connecticut agencies. Despite the urgency, the DOJ failed to initiate an investigation or enforce compliance. November 28, 2024 – Current Status CHRO: Refuses to assign a case number or act on David’s complaint, obstructing due process. Connecticut Attorney General: Has ignored all communications, abdicating responsibility for overseeing state agency compliance. DOJ: Has not taken substantive action to investigate federal violations or ensure ADA compliance. HHS OCR: Remains unresponsive despite its mandate to enforce ADA compliance and Medicaid program integrity. These violations and inactions have created a continuous pattern of systemic neglect and retaliation against David Medeiros, with no resolution or accountability to date. You said: 4. How did you discover this action? ChatGPT said: How the Action Was Discovered David Medeiros, as a whistleblower and disability advocate, discovered the actions through direct personal experience and documentation, which include: Personal Experience with Discrimination and Retaliation David experienced firsthand acts of exclusion, public ridicule, and procedural barriers during interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials. For example: He was excluded from critical discussions related to the ABI Waiver Program. He was subjected to public ridicule during forums, despite being a known advocate for individuals with disabilities and a whistleblower exposing Medicaid mismanagement. Documented Failures of State Agencies David submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) detailing ADA violations and retaliation. However, CHRO failed to acknowledge the complaint, assign a case number, or investigate the allegations, creating procedural obstacles. Evidence of Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General Despite
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	escalating the matter and providing comprehensive evidence of systemic failure
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation Documented Failures by State Agencies Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to: Assign a case number. Investigate the allegations. Provide any substantive acknowledgment or response, violating its statutory mandate to investigate discrimination complaints. This procedural inaction obstructs justice and denies David's right to due process. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Retaliation: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David during ABI Waiver forums and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a whistleblower and disability advocate. DSS has refused to provide reasonable ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats (e.g., email-only correspondence), in direct violation of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Despite receiving evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and Medicaid mismanagement, the Attorney General's Office failed to investigate or respond, abdicating its responsibility to enforce state and federal laws. Federal Oversight Failures: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) were notified of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional breaches in November 2024. Despite this, no federal investigations or enforcement actions have been initiated, perpetuating state agency misconduct. Evidence of ADA Non-Compliance: DSS repeatedly refused David's requests for ADA-compliant communication, such as screen-reader-compatible documents and simplified processes, exacerbating the challenges he faces as a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor. Mismanagement of Public Funds: DSS has



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	obstructed transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage, particularly funds allocated to the ABI Waiver Program. This raises significant concerns about potential misuse or mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Exploitation of Disability: State and federal officials are aware of David's brain injury and cognitive challenges, yet they have exploited his disability by creating procedural barriers and denying accommodations, effectively excluding him from advocacy and justice processes. Pattern of Systemic Corruption and Retaliation: Agencies at both the state and federal levels have demonstrated a clear pattern of protecting their leadership and shielding systemic inefficiencies, corruption, and discrimination, rather than addressing legitimate complaints. By refusing to act on whistleblower disclosures, these agencies have enabled misconduct, eroded public trust, and fostered an environment where accountability is absent. Violation of Transparency Laws: DSS and CHRO have failed to comply with Freedom of Information
Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	The listed individuals and entities engaged in or facilitated actions that collectively constitute systemic violations of constitutional rights, ADA non-compliance, whistleblower retaliation, and mismanagement of public funds. These actions include: 1. Suppression of Whistleblower Rights and Retaliation DSS (Connecticut Department of Social Services): Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros from critical forums related to Medicaid and the ABI Waiver Program. Obstructed David's advocacy efforts by withholding ADA-mandated accommodations, such as accessible communication formats and email-only correspondence. Refused to provide requested records or updates, effectively silencing his whistleblowing efforts and suppressing public accountability. CHRO (Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities): Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized complaint, delaying and obstructing justice. Failed to investigate claims of systemic discrimination and retaliation, despite statutory



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	mandates. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Ignored multiple submissions of evidence regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's failure to act. Failed to intervene or provide oversight to enforce transparency, ADA compliance, and whistleblower protections. 2. Violations of ADA Protections and Disability Rights DSS: Denied reasonable accommodations to David Medeiros, a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor, making it impossible for him to meaningfully participate in public processes. Weaponized David's disability by exploiting his cognitive challenges to create procedural delays, obstruct communication, and undermine his advocacy. CHRO: Failed to enforce ADA and anti-discrimination statutes by not investigating documented violations or taking any corrective actions. Federal Agencies (DOJ, HHS OCR, CMS): Neglected oversight responsibilities to ensure ADA compliance and accessibility in Connecticut's Medicaid program, enabling DSS to continue discriminatory practices unchecked. 3. Mismanagement of Public Funds and Lack of Transparency DSS: Withheld public records related to Medicaid fund allocations, including the ABI Waiver Program, violating FOIA and state transparency laws. Mismanaged Medicaid resources by failing to meet federal ADA standards while continuing to receive federal funding. Federal Agencies (CMS, HHS OCR): Failed to audit or investigate the misuse of Medicaid funds in Connecticut, despite whistleblower complaints highlighting systemic issues. 4. Abuse of Authority and Gross Mismanagement Connecticut Leadership (OPM, Governor's Office): Allowed systemic failures in oversight and enforcement by not addressing persistent complaints of corruption, discrimination, and retaliation. Enabled DSS and CHRO's non-compliance with state and federal laws by failing to enact structural reforms. Federal Agencies (DOJ, OSC): Ignored whistleblower reports and failed to initiate investigations into Connecticut's systemic mismanagement of Medicaid and ADA violat
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How did you discover this action?	Discovery of Actions David Medeiros discovered these actions through firsthand experience and documented interactions with the involved parties. The following key events and observations provided evidence of the actions taken against him: Refusal to Assign a Case Number by CHRO After submitting a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, David received no acknowledgment or case number, despite following up multiple times. The lack of response signaled procedural obstruction and a failure to fulfill CHRO’s statutory obligations. Exclusion and Ridicule by DSS During public forums related to the ABI Waiver Program, DSS officials publicly ridiculed and excluded David, creating a hostile environment for his advocacy. Witnesses corroborated these incidents, providing evidence of discriminatory practices. Ignored Submissions to the Attorney General’s Office Despite submitting detailed evidence of DSS and CHRO misconduct to the Attorney General on November 1, 2024, no acknowledgment or action was taken. This



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	inaction became apparent when repeated attempts to follow up were ignored. Federal Oversight Failures Complaints to the DOJ and HHS OCR, submitted on November 10, 2024, included comprehensive documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. The absence of substantive action or follow-up from these federal agencies revealed a broader pattern of neglect and inaction. FOIA and ADA Compliance Failures Requests for ADA-compliant communication and public records related to Medicaid funds and the ABI Waiver Program were either ignored or obstructed. These failures were documented through email exchanges, unanswered requests, and a lack of transparent processes. Each discovery is supported by correspondence records, witness testimony, and David's detailed documentation of the systemic barriers and retaliatory practices he encountered. These actions collectively indicate deliberate neglect and systemic discrimination.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegations Documented Retaliation and Exclusion by DSS: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, as corroborated by witnesses and documented in communications. These actions created a hostile environment, directly impeding his ability to advocate for Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities. DSS failed to provide reasonable accommodations under the ADA, including email-only correspondence and simplified processes, despite David's documented cognitive challenges as a brain injury survivor. CHRO's Failure to Investigate: Despite submitting a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, and multiple follow-up communications, CHRO refused to assign a case number or initiate an investigation, violating its statutory obligation to investigate discrimination complaints. CHRO's inaction effectively denied David due process and equal protection under the law, prolonging systemic discrimination and retaliation. Attorney General's Office Inaction: Submissions to the Connecticut Attorney



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	General included detailed evidence of DSS's ADA violations and whistleblower retaliation. Despite the compelling nature of the evidence, the office failed to respond, investigate, or intervene. This neglect demonstrates a disregard for its duty to ensure state agency compliance with federal and state laws. Federal Oversight Failures (DOJ and HHS OCR): The Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights at HHS were notified of systemic ADA violations, misuse of Medicaid funds, and whistleblower retaliation. Despite comprehensive documentation, neither agency initiated a substantive investigation or provided updates. Federal inaction perpetuates the culture of impunity within Connecticut's state agencies. FOIA and Transparency Failures: DSS obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver operations, despite FOIA and state FOIA laws mandating timely responses. Requests for ADA-compliant documents and communication were ignored, compounding David's inability to access critical information. Pattern of Systemic Neglect and Corruption: Connecticut's financial reliance on Medicaid creates an incentive to suppress transparency and accountability. The refusal to investigate whistleblower complaints, accommodate disabilities, or ensure compliance highlights a coordinated effort to shield systemic mismanagement. David Medeiros' Vulnerability as a Brain Injury Survivor: Agencies weaponized David's cognitive challenges to create procedural barriers, delay responses, and obstruct justice, further exacerbating the discrimination and retaliation he faced. The refusal to accommodate his needs constitutes a violation of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act, underscoring the systemic failure to protect vulnerable individuals. Summary of Supporting Evidence: Witness testimony from public forums and interactions with DSS officials. Documentation of corresponden
Allegation	Abuse of Authority



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What action did they take?	Actions Taken: Abuse of Authority State-Level Actions Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Public Ridicule and Exclusion: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluding him from discussions critical to Medicaid policy and decision-making. Denial of ADA Accommodations: Refused to provide accessible communication methods, such as email-only correspondence and simplified procedural guidelines, despite documented cognitive challenges from a brain injury. Obstruction of Records Requests: Failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, withheld critical Medicaid documentation, and ignored whistleblower complaints. Retaliation for Whistleblowing: Took retaliatory actions, such as exclusion from forums and non-response to inquiries, after David exposed Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Failure to Investigate: Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized ADA complaint, preventing any investigation into DSS's discriminatory practices. Neglect of Statutory Duties: Ignored repeated follow-up requests for updates on the complaint, effectively obstructing access to justice. Complicity in Discrimination: Enabled DSS's retaliatory actions by failing to act on clear evidence of discrimination and ADA non-compliance. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Neglect of Oversight Responsibilities: Failed to address or intervene in systemic violations by DSS and CHRO, despite receiving substantial evidence of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights breaches. Shielding State Agencies: Refused to investigate or hold state officials accountable for their misconduct. Federal-Level Actions Department of Justice (DOJ): Failure to Act: Ignored complaints highlighting systemic ADA violations, retaliation against a whistleblower, and constitutional breaches in state-run programs. Deferred Oversight: Allowed Connecticut agencies to operate with impunity by deferring accountability to state authorities.
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	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Neglect of ADA Oversight: Failed to enforce ADA compliance within federally funded Medicaid programs despite clear evidence of systemic violations. Lack of Enforcement by OCR: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) failed to investigate systemic discrimination within Medicaid programs and the actions of DSS. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failure to Address Mismanagement: Neglected to audit or address Medicaid mismanagement under the ABI Waiver Program, enabling further misuse of federal funds and harm to vulnerable populations. Permitting Retaliation: Did not intervene to protect whistleblowers exposing Medicaid corruption. Key Themes of Abuse of Authority: Systemic Retaliation: Agencies targeted David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption, denying him access to justice and public forums. Weaponized Bureaucr
When did this occur?	Timeline of Occurrence: Abuse of Authority Key Dates and Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint: David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to assign a case number or acknowledge the complaint. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO: David contacted CHRO requesting an update and reiterating the need for a case number. No substantive response or acknowledgment was provided. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General: Submitted evidence to the Attorney General's Office highlighting DSS's retaliatory actions, ADA violations, and CHRO's inaction. The Attorney General ignored the submission and took no steps to address the complaints. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to Federal Agencies: Detailed complaints submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR), citing whistleblower retaliation, ADA non-compl
How did you discover this action?	How This Action Was Discovered David Medeiros discovered the retaliatory actions and discriminatory



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	practices through his direct interactions with state agencies, including CHRO, DSS, and the Attorney General's Office. These interactions were marked by deliberate inaction, procedural barriers, and public exclusion. Key discoveries include: Retaliatory Actions at Public Forums: During ABI Waiver Program discussions, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David and excluded him from critical decision-making processes. These actions were directly observed and documented by David as clear attempts to undermine his advocacy efforts and credibility as a whistleblower. Failure to Respond to ADA Accommodation Requests: Despite repeated requests for reasonable ADA accommodations, including simplified correspondence and email-only communication, DSS and CHRO refused to comply. This non-compliance became evident through continued procedural delays and inaccessible communication methods. CHRO's Refusal to Acknowledge Complaint: After filing a notarized complaint with CHRO on October 24, 2024, David discovered the agency's refusal to assign a case number or take any investigative action. Follow-ups on October 30, 2024, further confirmed CHRO's neglect of its statutory duties. Attorney General's Silence: Evidence submitted to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office on November 1, 2024, was met with complete inaction. David discovered the lack of accountability through the Attorney General's failure to respond to his submissions. Federal Inaction by DOJ and HHS OCR: Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, provided detailed documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic misconduct. The absence of follow-up or enforcement from these federal agencies highlighted their neglect. Obstructed FOIA Requests: DSS and CHRO failed to provide timely responses to FOIA requests, further obstructing David's efforts to obtain transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage and agency accountability. Through these events, David identified a coordinated pattern of retaliation, inaction, and systemic
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	discrimination, underscoring a deliberate effort to suppress his advocacy and whistleblower disclosures.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation of Abuse of Authority Documented Retaliation and Public Exclusion: DSS Forum Behavior: During ABI Waiver Program forums, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a disability advocate and whistleblower. This retaliation was witnessed by multiple attendees and documented in communication records. Exclusion from Decision-Making Processes: Despite being a key stakeholder and advocate for individuals with disabilities, David was systematically excluded from forums and denied opportunities to provide input on critical Medicaid policies. Failure to Investigate by CHRO: Despite filing a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and retaliation by DSS, CHRO refused to assign a case number or investigate the allegations. This failure to act highlights CHRO's abdication of its statutory responsibility to protect individuals from discrimination. Attorney General's Refusal to Act: On November 1, 2024, David submitted evidence of misconduct and retaliation to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office has failed to provide acknowledgment, initiate an investigation, or take any corrective action, enabling ongoing abuses. Pattern of ADA Non-Compliance: Multiple ADA accommodation requests, including email-only correspondence and accessible formats for communication, were systematically denied by DSS and CHRO. This lack of compliance demonstrates a deliberate effort to obstruct David's ability to participate meaningfully in governmental processes. FOIA Obstruction: David submitted FOIA requests to DSS and other agencies to obtain records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver Program policies. These requests were either ignored or delayed far beyond statutory deadlines, highlighting a pattern of intentional non-compliance and a lack of transparency. Federal Inaction and Neglect:



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	Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, were met with silence. Despite being provided with comprehensive evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of federal funds, federal agencies failed to investigate or enforce compliance. Exploitation of Disability: Agencies are fully aware of David's traumatic brain injury (TBI) and related cognitive challenges but have weaponized these vulnerabilities by creating procedural barriers, ignoring accommodation requests, and delaying responses. This exploitation underscores the systemic nature of the abuse. Medicaid Mismanagement Concerns: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly regarding the ABI Waiver Program, raises serious concerns about potential mismanagement or misuse of federal funds. The lack of transparency and retaliatory actions suggest an attempt to shield systemic inefficiencies from public scrutiny. Violation of Whistleblower Protections: David's disclosures of Medicaid mismanagem
Allegation	Danger to Public Health
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Individuals and Agencies Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Action: Failed to ensure that public health programs under its jurisdiction comply with ADA standards, particularly for individuals with disabilities accessing Medicaid and ABI Waiver services. Did not intervene or enforce oversight when systemic health access violations were reported. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Action: Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating his constitutional rights to free speech and equal participation. Obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid policies, ABI Waiver management, and whistleblower reports. Failed to provide legally mandated ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats and reasonable procedural modifications. Actively retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on Medicaid mismanagement and



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	systemic corruption. Connecticut Attorney General's Office Action: Ignored formal complaints and evidence of systemic failures, including ADA violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. Declined to intervene or enforce legal obligations despite the evidence provided, effectively enabling state agencies to continue discriminatory and retaliatory practices. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Action: Refused to assign a case number to David Medeiros' notarized discrimination complaint, obstructing access to justice. Failed to investigate ADA violations and retaliation claims, violating its statutory mandate to uphold anti-discrimination laws. Ignored follow-up communications requesting updates on the status of the complaint. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Action: Failed to enforce ADA compliance in federally funded Medicaid programs administered by Connecticut DSS. Did not investigate complaints of systemic discrimination or Medicaid mismanagement despite federal jurisdiction. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division Action: Neglected to act on formal complaints of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights infringements, despite its federal enforcement responsibilities. Allowed Connecticut agencies to continue operating without accountability for systemic misconduct. Federal Elected Officials (Senators and Representatives) Action: Did not advocate for or initiate federal oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid program or address the systemic discrimination and retaliation against whistleblowers. Summary of Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Systemic exclusion of David Medeiros from public forums and decision-making processes. Suppression of whistleblower allegations through procedural delays, inaction, and retaliation. Weaponization of David's brain injury by refusing ADA-mandated accommodations, effectively silencing his advocacy. Mismanagement of Medicaid funds and denial of transparen
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When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) regarding ADA violations, discrimination, and retaliation by DSS. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David followed up with CHRO to request a case number and a status update on his complaint. CHRO failed to respond or provide the requested case number. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General's Office David submitted evidence and a formal appeal to the Connecticut Attorney General, outlining DSS misconduct, CHRO inaction, and systemic ADA violations. The Attorney General ignored this submission. November 10, 2024 – Complaint Escalation to Federal Agencies David submitted formal complaints to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These complaints detailed ADA violations,
How did you discover this action?	David Medeiros uncovered these actions through personal experiences as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and Medicaid stakeholder. Key discoveries include: Direct Personal Experience: While engaging with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) as a whistleblower and advocate for the ABI Waiver Program, David directly experienced public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and systemic retaliation. Documented Evidence: David submitted formal complaints to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) and other agencies, only to receive no substantive responses or assigned case numbers, highlighting systemic failures. Procedural Barriers: Through attempts to obtain information via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and ADA accommodation requests, David encountered procedural delays, denials, and refusals to provide accessible formats. Patterns of Neglect and Retaliation: The lack of federal enforcement from agencies such as the DOJ and



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	HHS OCR revealed systemic inaction and a pattern of neglect, particularly against individuals with disabilities and whistleblowers. Community Feedback and Advocacy Efforts: David learned of similar patterns of exclusion and systemic failures from other whistleblowers, Medicaid recipients, and disability advocates, further corroborating his findings. These cumulative experiences and observations provided David with irrefutable evidence of systemic wrongdoing, gross mismanagement, and abuse of authority.
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? Documented Complaints and Correspondence: Multiple formal complaints were submitted to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of the Connecticut Attorney General, and federal agencies like the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR). These complaints document allegations of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers or investigate further substantiates a pattern of inaction. ADA Violations and Procedural Barriers: Agencies failed to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, such as email-only communication, simplified correspondence, and accessible formats. These violations demonstrate a deliberate disregard for federal disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). Retaliatory Actions: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluded him from critical discussions, and obstructed his access to essential records and accommodations. These retaliatory actions were intended to discredit David and suppress his advocacy. FOIA and Transparency Failures: David's FOIA requests seeking information on Medicaid fund usage, including ABI Waiver program details, were ignored or delayed, violating transparency laws under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Connecticut FOIA statutes (C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.).



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	Testimonies and Community Evidence: Accounts from other disability advocates, Medicaid recipients, and whistleblowers corroborate systemic issues within Connecticut's state agencies, particularly DSS and CHRO. Patterns of retaliation, neglect, and obstruction have been consistently reported. Systemic Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly in relation to the ABI Waiver Program, raises concerns about potential misuse or gross mismanagement of public funds intended to serve vulnerable populations. Federal Inaction and Knowledge of Disability: Federal agencies, including the DOJ and HHS OCR, were alerted to the systemic failures and retaliatory practices, but no substantive action has been taken. This inaction, despite full knowledge of David's traumatic brain injury and ADA-related needs, compounds the harm. Impact on Public Health and Safety: Neglecting ADA compliance and whistleblower protections undermines public trust, threatens the integrity of federally funded programs, and endangers Medicaid beneficiaries reliant on these services for health and safety. These facts collectively establish a pattern of systemic neglect, retaliation, and corruption within Connecticut state agencies and the failure of federal oversight bodies to intervene effectively.
Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? The individuals and entities listed above engaged in actions or failed to act in ways that facilitated or perpetuated gross waste of public funds. Specifically: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Improper Use of Medicaid Funds: Failed to allocate Medicaid funds appropriately within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Funds intended for critical care were mismanaged, diverted, or left unaccounted for. Neglected oversight of contracts and services provided to vulnerable populations, resulting in inefficiencies, waste, and potentially fraudulent activity. Inadequate Financial Reporting: Deliberately delayed or withheld accurate financial



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	reports related to Medicaid expenditures, violating transparency and federal compliance obligations. Failure to Conduct Internal Audits: Ignored requirements to investigate and audit financial practices within the ABI Waiver Program and other DSS-administered Medicaid services. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Approval of Questionable Allocations: Authorized state budgets and Medicaid expenditures without proper accountability mechanisms to track the use of funds. Failure to Address Known Inefficiencies: Despite financial distress and known concerns about Medicaid mismanagement, OPM failed to implement corrective measures to reduce waste or increase oversight. Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Inadequate Legislative Oversight: Failed to hold DSS accountable during budget reviews or Medicaid oversight hearings, enabling wasteful practices to continue unchecked. Refusal to Investigate Complaints: Ignored whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts highlighting systemic Medicaid mismanagement and wasteful spending. State Comptroller's Office: Failure to Monitor Spending: Did not ensure proper documentation or auditing of Medicaid disbursements, including those related to the ABI Waiver Program. Neglect of Transparency Requirements: Omitted mandatory public disclosures that would expose financial mismanagement. Federal Oversight Bodies: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failed to audit or investigate Connecticut's Medicaid program despite clear indicators of mismanagement. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Did not enforce federal requirements for accountability in state-administered Medicaid programs, allowing systemic waste to persist. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), HHS: Neglected its duty to investigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse in Connecticut's use of Medicaid funds, particularly those impacting vulnerable populations. Other Actions Taken: Retaliation Against Whistleblowers: Suppressed complaints and retaliated against individuals, including
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	David Medeiros, who attempted to expose wasteful practices or seek transparency. Deliberate Obfuscation of Records: Withheld or failed to provide critical financial documents and records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The gross waste of public funds by the listed individuals and entities occurred over an extended period, spanning several years. Key timeframes include: Ongoing Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds Mismanagement within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other Medicaid services has persisted for at least the past five years, with notable escalation from 2020 through 2024 as whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts exposed systemic issues. Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Retaliation against David Medeiros began following his whistleblower activities in 2022 and has continued through 2024. These actions coincided with: Reports submitted to Connecticut DSS regarding Medicaid mismanagement. Complaints filed with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) in 2023 and 2024. Failure of Oversight Bodies The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) failed to act on
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? David Medeiros, as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and founder of ABI Resources, uncovered these actions through firsthand involvement, research, and communication with affected populations. The following outlines how these actions were discovered: Direct Involvement in Advocacy and Reporting: As a Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver (ABI Waiver) provider, David observed consistent mismanagement, delays, and non-compliance with Medicaid policies, impacting vulnerable populations reliant on these services. His firsthand interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials revealed systemic failures in the administration of funds, refusal to provide transparency, and retaliatory practices against those raising concerns. Complaints Filed and



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	Ignored: After filing formal complaints with DSS, CHRO, and other state agencies, David noted repeated refusals to assign case numbers, investigate allegations, or address the reported issues, indicating procedural obstructions and systemic retaliation. Follow-ups with state and federal oversight bodies, including HHS OCR and DOJ, yielded no action, further exposing a coordinated effort to suppress whistleblowers. Testimonies from Affected Populations: Through his work with ABI Resources, David received testimonies from individuals and families, highlighting delayed Medicaid services, discriminatory practices, and inaccessible public forums for those with disabilities. These accounts confirmed widespread financial inefficiencies and administrative failures within state programs. Analysis of FOIA Responses and Obstructions: Requests for Medicaid fund records under FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) were delayed, denied, or inadequately addressed, further revealing the deliberate suppression of transparency regarding the misuse of federal and state funds. DSS and CHRO's refusal to provide complete, timely, and accurate information raised significant concerns about financial mismanagement. Patterns of Retaliation: Retaliation against David personally—including public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and denial of accommodations—demonstrated a coordinated effort to silence his whistleblower activities. Escalation to Federal Agencies: Escalation to DOJ and HHS OCR in 2023 and 2024 confirmed federal inaction despite substantial evidence of systemic violations, indicating complicit neglect or deferral of oversight.
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following additional facts substantiate the allegations of gross waste of funds, mismanagement, and retaliatory practices by Connecticut state agencies and the federal inaction that has allowed these violations to persist: Documented FOIA Non-Compliance and Withheld Records: Numerous FOIA requests filed with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and



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	other agencies remain unanswered, delayed, or improperly denied. Refusal to disclose Medicaid spending records and program oversight audits has raised concerns about the misallocation of funds and deliberate suppression of accountability. The lack of transparency violates FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) and creates a strong presumption of financial mismanagement. Patterns of Financial Irregularities in Medicaid Waiver Programs: Analysis of publicly available records and reports from Medicaid beneficiaries highlights delays and denials in services promised under the ABI Waiver Program, indicating misuse or diversion of federal funds. Families and individuals reliant on Medicaid services have reported prolonged processing times and inadequate resource allocation, suggesting systemic inefficiencies. Unaddressed Whistleblower Retaliation: David Medeiros faced public ridicule, exclusion, and retaliation for raising concerns about Medicaid mismanagement. These actions deter further scrutiny of DSS's practices and reinforce a culture of impunity. State agencies have ignored whistleblower protections outlined in the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302), further preventing transparency. Testimonies from Affected Individuals: Accounts from Medicaid beneficiaries and families describe delays in essential healthcare services and unexplained denials of claims, which directly contradict the program's intended purpose and funding requirements. Repeated Procedural Obstructions: DSS's refusal to issue detailed responses to formal complaints and case filings obstructs accountability efforts. The CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers prevents investigations into discrimination and non-compliance with ADA standards. Attorney General's Office inaction demonstrates systemic neglect, enabling DSS to continue its harmful practices unchecked. Expert Reports and Audits Ignored: Calls for independent audits of DSS's Medicaid programs have been ignored or dismissed, raising concerns about financial mismanagement and failure to adhere to federal funding regulations. Violation
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	of Federal Oversight Obligations: Federal agencies, including HHS OCR and the DOJ, have failed to enforce ADA compliance or investigate allegations of systemic corruption, allowing ongoing violations to harm vulnerable populations. Exploitation of Disability Challenges: David Medeiros, a brain injury survivor, has faced procedural barriers intentionally designed to exploit his cognitive challenges, such as refusal to provide accessible communication formats or simplified processes requ
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Kristen	Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division:	Assistant Attorney General: Kristen Clarke Directly oversees enforcement of civil rights laws, inclu
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Director:	Responsible for enforcing ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act within federally funded heal
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Office of the Attorney General:	Primary legal officer for Connecticut, responsible for ensuring state agencies comply with constitut
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Oversees Medicaid administration and implementation of programs



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		(DSS): Commissioner:	such as the ABI Waiver, directly tie
Tanya A. Hughes	Tanya A. Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Executive Director:	Investigates discrimination complaints, including ADA violations, but has shown inaction in your cas
Henry J. Kerner	Henry J. Kerner	U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC): Special Counsel:	Investigates whistleblower retaliation and reports of government wrongdoing.
Julie Su	Julie Su	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):	Responsible for oversight of workplace ADA compliance and protections for individuals with disabilit
Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator:	Responsible for federal oversight of Medicaid programs, including ensuring state compliance with fed
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	Governor of Connecticut:	The executive authority overseeing state agencies, including DSS and CHRO, with the power to order r
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH):	Ensures state compliance with health-related ADA requirements and public health safety.
Gary Winfield	Gary Winfield	Connecticut General Assembly, Judiciary Committee:	Legislative oversight for state agency practices, including transparency, civil rights compliance, a



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Andrés J. Gallegos	Andrés J. Gallegos	National Council on Disability (NCD): Chair:	Federal agency advising the President and Congress on disability policies, including ADA compliance
Alina M. Semo	Alina M. Semo	Office of Government Information Services (OGIS): Director:	Mediates FOIA disputes and ensures transparency in government operations.
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	Investigates misuse of federal funds and systemic inefficiencies in federally funded programs like M
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor
Jeffrey Beckham	Jeffrey Beckham	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Secretary	Oversees budget and funding allocation, including Medicaid funds. Negligence or failure to ensure pr
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner
Colleen M. Murphy	Colleen M. Murphy	Executive Director and General Counsel	Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC):



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Martin M. Looney	Martin M. Looney	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Senate President Pro Tempore	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Matthew Ritter	Matthew Ritter	House Speaker	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator
Charlotte Burrows	Charlotte Burrows	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Chair
Henry Kerner	Henry Kerner	Office of Special Counsel (OSC):	ederal oversight for whistleblower complaints. If whistleblower disclosures were ignored or mishandl
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General
Christi A. Grimm	Christi A. Grimm	Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services:	OIG is tasked with investigating fraud, waste, and abuse in federally funded programs like Medicaid.



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		Inspector General	
Deidre S. Gifford	Deidre S. Gifford	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Oversaw the agency's discriminatory practices, denial of ADA accommodations, and retaliatory actions
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Failed to ensure the investigation of complaints, neglected to assign case numbers, and ignored stat
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General	Ignored evidence of systemic failures and violations, failing to intervene or hold DSS and CHRO acco
Merrick B. Garland	Merrick B. Garland	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Neglected oversight responsibilities related to ADA compliance within Medicaid-funded programs.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Role: Allowed systemic Medicaid mismanagement and misuse of federal funds without intervention.
Lisa J. Pino	Lisa J. Pino	Director, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), HHS	Failed to enforce ADA compliance and investigate systemic discrimination and retaliatory practices w



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Manisha Juthani, MD	Manisha Juthani, MD	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)	Oversees public health policies and programs, potentially involved in Medicaid oversight and ADA com
Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
William Tong	William Tong	Attorney General, State of Connecticut	Legal oversight of state agencies, failed to act on documented violations and complaints
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Robyn M. Colosimo	Robyn M. Colosimo	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)
Richard Blumenthal	Richard Blumenthal	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for federal investigations and legislative oversight of state misconduct.
Chris Murphy	Chris Murphy	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for ensuring ADA compliance and whistleblower protections.
Rosa DeLauro	Rosa DeLauro	U.S. Representative, Connecticut's 3rd District	Focus on federal Medicaid and social services programs.
Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS
Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS
Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO
William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut



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		General, Connecticut	
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division
Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut
Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):
Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):



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Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Responsible for approving state Medicaid budgets and reforms.
Rob Kane	Rob Kane	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
John C. Geragosian	John C. Geragosian	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
Sean Scanlon	Sean Scanlon	State Comptroller	Monitors DSS Medicaid-related expenditures and financial reporting.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Responsible for monitoring Medicaid mismanagement in Connecticut.
Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Comptroller General of the United States	Leads federal reviews of wasteful practices involving Medicaid funds.
Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Conducts investigations into Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.
Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Enforces whistleblower protection for those reporting waste or mismanagement.



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Request for Federal Representation and Protection to Restore Constitutional Rights
To the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC):

This complaint requires immediate federal representation to protect David Medeiros, a whistleblower, taxpayer advocate, and person with a disability, whose constitutional rights have been systematically violated by Connecticut state agencies. The federal government must act decisively to ensure that David's rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as well as federal statutes like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Whistleblower Protection Act, are restored and protected.

Specific Actions Requested for Representation and Protection

Immediate Federal Representation

Federal Counsel Appointment: Appoint a federally funded attorney or representative to ensure David's constitutional rights are fully protected and enforced.

Direct Oversight of Legal Proceedings: Federal representatives must oversee all ongoing interactions between David and Connecticut agencies to prevent further violations or retaliation.

Protection from Retaliation: Establish safeguards ensuring David is no longer subjected to exclusion, discrimination, or retaliatory actions by state agencies or officials.

Restoration of Constitutional Rights

First Amendment: Reinforce David's right to petition the government for redress of grievances without fear of retaliation or obstruction.

Fifth Amendment: Ensure due process protections are upheld, requiring transparent and timely responses to David's complaints and FOIA requests.

Fourteenth Amendment: Address systemic discrimination and ensure equal protection under the law, particularly as it pertains to David's disability and whistleblower status.

Mandate ADA Compliance and Accessibility

Guarantee Accommodations: Require Connecticut agencies to provide ADA-compliant accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified procedures, tailored to David's cognitive needs as a traumatic brain injury survivor.

Independent Audit of ADA Compliance: Conduct a federal audit of ADA adherence within Connecticut's federally funded programs, including DSS's administration of the ABI Waiver Program.



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Federal Oversight to Enforce Accountability

Assign a Federal Monitor: Appoint an independent federal monitor to oversee the actions of Connecticut agencies, ensuring compliance with constitutional and statutory obligations.

Investigate Retaliatory Practices: Launch a federal investigation into retaliatory actions by Connecticut state officials against David Medeiros, holding violators accountable.

Restorative Justice for David Medeiros

Public Acknowledgment: Require Connecticut agencies to publicly acknowledge their violations of David's rights and take corrective action.

Financial Restitution: Compensate David for the personal, professional, and financial harm caused by the systemic violations and retaliatory practices.

Reinstatement of Advocacy Rights: Ensure David's ability to advocate for vulnerable populations, including individuals with disabilities, is fully restored without obstruction or exclusion.

Set a National Precedent

Protect All Whistleblowers: Use David's case to establish stronger federal protections for whistleblowers, ensuring no individual faces similar violations or retaliation in the future.

Strengthen Constitutional Safeguards: Reinforce federal mechanisms to prevent states from undermining constitutional and civil rights.

Systemic Reform Across States: Mandate reforms ensuring all states comply with federal laws protecting taxpayers, individuals with disabilities, and whistleblowers.

Conclusion

David Medeiros has endured severe constitutional violations, systemic discrimination, and targeted retaliation as a whistleblower and disability advocate. The federal government has a moral and legal obligation to represent and protect him, ensuring that his rights are fully restored and upheld.

By providing federal representation and enforcing constitutional and statutory protections, OSC can not only deliver justice for David but also set an enduring example for safeguarding the rights of all Americans, particularly those most vulnerable to systemic failures.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:



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Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Case ID #:

a. **What is the status of the matter?**

NOTE: MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

It is the general policy of OSC not to transmit allegations of wrongdoing to the head of the agency involved if the agency's Office of Inspector General has fully investigated, or is currently investigating, the same allegations.

ATTACHMENTS

Please note that the space available for attachments is limited. Therefore, DO NOT attach every document and email that may be relevant to your claim. You will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date. We recommend limiting attachments to official forms and correspondence that document the action(s) at issue in your disclosure if these documents are relevant to your allegations.

I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Federal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 11.28.2024 .pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 .PDF
10.24.2024 DOJ complaint Submission complete.pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 (1).PDF
October 30, 2024 - David Medeiros VS Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS CT gov.docx



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CHRO CASE DSS 24 3 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
CHRO CASE DSS 24 2 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
CHRO CASE DSS 24 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
OSCFiling-MedeirosDavid-DI-112620241121.pdf
requests (9).csv
requests (8).csv
requests (7).csv
11.27.2024 Escalated Complaint FOIA Non-Compliance ADA Violations Constitutional Violations and Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
11.27.2024 Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
090620247088 cms No Records Response Letter (1).pdf
01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
11.23.2024 Binder1.pdf
09.24.2024
Federal Intervention_HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf
Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity Whistleblower Report Mediciad ABI Waiver Programs.pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf
FOIA .zip
01.04.2024 CHRO AUDITS Binder2.pdf
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01.01.2024 2nd FOIA.gov - Freedom of Information Act_ Create a request.pdf
Medeiros Response.pdf
Governor Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
12.14.2023 Dear Matthew S. Antonetti CT DSS .pdf
01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
2410220 CAR Dismissal .pdf
10.22.2024 10.39 am CHRO Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
2410220 CP Email with Documents 2.4.24.msg
2410220 CAR Dismissal .pdf
2410220 Release of Jurisdiction.pdf



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2410220 Answer Part 1 of 2.pdf
2410220 Affidavit.pdf
12.23.2023 CHRO COMPLAINT .docx
Admin-CL (1).pdf
01.26.2024 Binder1.pdf
dss foia ghewtfrg Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
ABI Forum 2024.pdf
12.23.2023 Governor Ned Lamont. David Medeiros ABI Resources Call for Systemic Reform in Response to ADA Accommodation Failures and Disability Discrimination Whistleblower Retaliation Compliance CT DSS COU CHRO .pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf

CONSENT

Do you consent to the disclosure of your identify to others outside OSC if it becomes necessary in taking further action on this matter?*

I consent to disclosure of my identity.

Yes

I do not consent to disclosure of my identity. (Even if you do not consent, OSC may disclose your identity if necessary due to an imminent danger to public health or safety or imminent violation of any criminal law. See 5 U.S.C. § 1213(h).)

No

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes



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OSC WHISTLEBLOWER DISCLOSURE CHANNEL

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- a violation of law, rule or regulation;
- gross mismanagement;
- gross waste of funds;
- an abuse of authority;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; and/or
- censorship related to scientific research.

OSC JURISDICTION

OSC has no jurisdiction over disclosures filed by:

- employees of the U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission;
- members of the armed forces of the United States (*i.e.*, non-civilian military employees);
- state employees operating under federal grants;
- employees of federal contractors;
- other employees or federal agencies that are exempt under federal law; and
- Congressional or judicial branch employees.

ANONYMOUS SOURCES

While OSC will protect the identity of persons who make disclosures, it will not consider anonymous disclosures. If a disclosure is filed by an anonymous source, the disclosure will be referred to the Office of Inspector General in the appropriate agency. OSC will take no further action.

RETALIATION

Do you believe you suffered retaliation by your agency for disclosing wrongdoing? If yes, you may file a complaint of retaliation by navigating back to "My Cases" and selecting "New Complaint." Select Option 1 to complete and submit a Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity (PPPs). *If you have already completed the Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity above, please continue with this Disclosure.* PPPs are employment-related activities that are banned in the federal workforce.



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PPPs generally involve some type of personnel decision or action and may result in personal relief for people who have been subject to a PPP. For example, if we find that you were removed from federal service in retaliation for whistleblowing, OSC may act to get your job back. PPPs can also include allegations of harassment, failure to issue appraisals, and improper hiring. Do not file a disclosure to report retaliation or other PPPs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Title:

First Name:* David

Middle Initial:

Last Name:* Medeiros

International Address?: No

Address:*

215 Mountain St
Willimantic, CT 06226

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Email Address:* aabiwr@live.com

Preferred means of contact:

Email: Yes

Cell phone: No

Home phone: No

Office phone: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation? No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Middle Initial:

Last Name:*

International Address?:

Address: *



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Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Department/Agency about which you are making a disclosure.

Department:* Justice

Agency:* Office Of The Inspector General

Agency subcomponent: Office of the Inspector General (OIG) For DOJ: Disability Rights
Section For HHS: Office for Civil R

Street Address: 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip Code: 20201

Employment Status:* Non-Federal Employee (please specify)

Title	Series	Grade

Please provide your dates of employment in this position.

Employment Service Type	Employment Service Subtype	If Other (specify)
Excepted Service	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower
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Are you covered by a collective bargaining agreement?



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DETAILS OF YOUR DISCLOSURES

Please identify the type of wrongdoing that you are alleging. You can make multiple disclosures, but you **MUST** choose one option. If you check "violation of law, rule, or regulation," specify, if you can, the particular law, rule or regulation violated (by name, subject, and/or legal citation). For each allegation, please answer the following questions (be as specific as possible). Please keep in mind that you will have an opportunity to provide more information and someone from OSC will contact you.

If OSC determines there is a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing, OSC will refer your disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. To meet the substantial likelihood standard, there must be a significant probability that the information reveals wrongdoing that falls within one or more of the categories above. In its evaluation, OSC considers the strength, reliability, and credibility of the disclosures. If the substantial likelihood determination cannot be made, OSC will determine whether there is sufficient information to exercise its discretion to refer the allegations.

DISCLOSURES

Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Involved Parties 1. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): - Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating ADA and First Amendment protections. - Refused to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified processes. - Obstructed access to critical information about Medicaid programs, including ABI Waiver policies, in violation of FOIA. - Retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on systemic Medicaid mismanagement. 2. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): - Refused to assign a case number or investigate David's notarized complaint alleging ADA violations and discrimination by DSS. - Ignored follow-up inquiries regarding the status of the complaint, denying due process and perpetuating



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	discrimination. 3. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: • Failed to act on evidence submitted by David Medeiros regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's inaction. • Neglected its statutory duty to uphold constitutional and civil rights protections in Connecticut, effectively enabling systemic violations. 4. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: • Ignored David's formal complaints regarding ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic corruption within Connecticut's Medicaid program. • Failed to investigate or enforce federal protections, allowing violations to persist unchecked. 5. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): • Did not investigate systemic ADA violations in Connecticut's Medicaid program, despite clear evidence of non-compliance and harm to individuals with disabilities. 6. Connecticut Governor's Office: • Failed to intervene or provide oversight of DSS and CHRO despite being alerted to systemic violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. 7. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): • Did not enforce federal Medicaid oversight to ensure that Connecticut DSS complies with federal regulations and ADA mandates. Summary of Actions: • Exclusion: Agencies excluded David from forums and processes critical to his advocacy and whistleblower activities. • Retaliation: State and federal actors retaliated against David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement, violating whistleblower protections. • Non-Compliance: Agencies failed to uphold ADA requirements and constitutional rights, creating systemic barriers and procedural delays. • Neglect: Federal oversight bodies deferred action, enabling Connecticut agencies to act with impunity. Constitutional Violations and Crimes Committed 12. First Amendment Violations • Suppression of Petition Rights: By ignoring David Medeiros' complaints and failing to investigate or act on his claims, Connecticut state agencies and federal oversight bodies have
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	suppressed his constitutional right to petition the government for redress of grievances. • Retaliation Against Free Speech: Retaliatory actions, such a
When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), detailing ADA violations, systemic discrimination, and retaliation by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David requested a status update and assignment of a case number for his complaint. CHRO failed to respond, creating procedural barriers to justice. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General David escalated his complaints to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, providing evidence of systemic violations and requesting oversight of DSS and CHRO. The Attorney General's Office did not respond or take any action. November 10, 2024 – Submission to DOJ David submitted a comprehensive complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), detailing ADA violations, constitutional breaches, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismana
How did you discover this action?	3. When did this occur? ChatGPT said: Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), detailing ADA violations, systemic discrimination, and retaliation by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David requested a status update and assignment of a case number for his complaint. CHRO failed to respond, creating procedural barriers to justice. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General David escalated his complaints to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, providing evidence of systemic violations and requesting oversight of DSS and CHRO. The Attorney General's Office did not respond or take any action. November 10, 2024 –



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	Submission to DOJ David submitted a comprehensive complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), detailing ADA violations, constitutional breaches, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement by Connecticut agencies. Despite the urgency, the DOJ failed to initiate an investigation or enforce compliance. November 28, 2024 – Current Status CHRO: Refuses to assign a case number or act on David's complaint, obstructing due process. Connecticut Attorney General: Has ignored all communications, abdicating responsibility for overseeing state agency compliance. DOJ: Has not taken substantive action to investigate federal violations or ensure ADA compliance. HHS OCR: Remains unresponsive despite its mandate to enforce ADA compliance and Medicaid program integrity. These violations and inactions have created a continuous pattern of systemic neglect and retaliation against David Medeiros, with no resolution or accountability to date. You said: 4. How did you discover this action? ChatGPT said: How the Action Was Discovered David Medeiros, as a whistleblower and disability advocate, discovered the actions through direct personal experience and documentation, which include: Personal Experience with Discrimination and Retaliation David experienced firsthand acts of exclusion, public ridicule, and procedural barriers during interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials. For example: He was excluded from critical discussions related to the ABI Waiver Program. He was subjected to public ridicule during forums, despite being a known advocate for individuals with disabilities and a whistleblower exposing Medicaid mismanagement. Documented Failures of State Agencies David submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) detailing ADA violations and retaliation. However, CHRO failed to acknowledge the complaint, assign a case number, or investigate the allegations, creating procedural obstacles. Evidence of Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General Despite
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	escalating the matter and providing comprehensive evidence of systemic failure
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation Documented Failures by State Agencies Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to: Assign a case number. Investigate the allegations. Provide any substantive acknowledgment or response, violating its statutory mandate to investigate discrimination complaints. This procedural inaction obstructs justice and denies David's right to due process. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Retaliation: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David during ABI Waiver forums and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a whistleblower and disability advocate. DSS has refused to provide reasonable ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats (e.g., email-only correspondence), in direct violation of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Despite receiving evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and Medicaid mismanagement, the Attorney General's Office failed to investigate or respond, abdicating its responsibility to enforce state and federal laws. Federal Oversight Failures: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) were notified of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional breaches in November 2024. Despite this, no federal investigations or enforcement actions have been initiated, perpetuating state agency misconduct. Evidence of ADA Non-Compliance: DSS repeatedly refused David's requests for ADA-compliant communication, such as screen-reader-compatible documents and simplified processes, exacerbating the challenges he faces as a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor. Mismanagement of Public Funds: DSS has



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	obstructed transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage, particularly funds allocated to the ABI Waiver Program. This raises significant concerns about potential misuse or mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Exploitation of Disability: State and federal officials are aware of David's brain injury and cognitive challenges, yet they have exploited his disability by creating procedural barriers and denying accommodations, effectively excluding him from advocacy and justice processes. Pattern of Systemic Corruption and Retaliation: Agencies at both the state and federal levels have demonstrated a clear pattern of protecting their leadership and shielding systemic inefficiencies, corruption, and discrimination, rather than addressing legitimate complaints. By refusing to act on whistleblower disclosures, these agencies have enabled misconduct, eroded public trust, and fostered an environment where accountability is absent. Violation of Transparency Laws: DSS and CHRO have failed to comply with Freedom of Information
Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	The listed individuals and entities engaged in or facilitated actions that collectively constitute systemic violations of constitutional rights, ADA non-compliance, whistleblower retaliation, and mismanagement of public funds. These actions include: 1. Suppression of Whistleblower Rights and Retaliation DSS (Connecticut Department of Social Services): Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros from critical forums related to Medicaid and the ABI Waiver Program. Obstructed David's advocacy efforts by withholding ADA-mandated accommodations, such as accessible communication formats and email-only correspondence. Refused to provide requested records or updates, effectively silencing his whistleblowing efforts and suppressing public accountability. CHRO (Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities): Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized complaint, delaying and obstructing justice. Failed to investigate claims of systemic discrimination and retaliation, despite statutory



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	mandates. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Ignored multiple submissions of evidence regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's failure to act. Failed to intervene or provide oversight to enforce transparency, ADA compliance, and whistleblower protections. 2. Violations of ADA Protections and Disability Rights DSS: Denied reasonable accommodations to David Medeiros, a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor, making it impossible for him to meaningfully participate in public processes. Weaponized David's disability by exploiting his cognitive challenges to create procedural delays, obstruct communication, and undermine his advocacy. CHRO: Failed to enforce ADA and anti-discrimination statutes by not investigating documented violations or taking any corrective actions. Federal Agencies (DOJ, HHS OCR, CMS): Neglected oversight responsibilities to ensure ADA compliance and accessibility in Connecticut's Medicaid program, enabling DSS to continue discriminatory practices unchecked. 3. Mismanagement of Public Funds and Lack of Transparency DSS: Withheld public records related to Medicaid fund allocations, including the ABI Waiver Program, violating FOIA and state transparency laws. Mismanaged Medicaid resources by failing to meet federal ADA standards while continuing to receive federal funding. Federal Agencies (CMS, HHS OCR): Failed to audit or investigate the misuse of Medicaid funds in Connecticut, despite whistleblower complaints highlighting systemic issues. 4. Abuse of Authority and Gross Mismanagement Connecticut Leadership (OPM, Governor's Office): Allowed systemic failures in oversight and enforcement by not addressing persistent complaints of corruption, discrimination, and retaliation. Enabled DSS and CHRO's non-compliance with state and federal laws by failing to enact structural reforms. Federal Agencies (DOJ, OSC): Ignored whistleblower reports and failed to initiate investigations into Connecticut's systemic mismanagement of Medicaid and ADA violat
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When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), detailing ADA violations, systemic discrimination, and retaliation by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David requested a case number and an update on the status of his complaint. CHRO failed to respond or assign a case number, effectively obstructing the complaint process. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General David submitted evidence and documentation to the Connecticut Attorney General’s Office, requesting oversight and intervention to address systemic misconduct by DSS and CHRO. The Attorney General’s Office ignored the submission and failed to act. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to DOJ David submitted a detailed whistleblower complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), highlighting ADA violations, FOIA non-compliance
How did you discover this action?	Discovery of Actions David Medeiros discovered these actions through firsthand experience and documented interactions with the involved parties. The following key events and observations provided evidence of the actions taken against him: Refusal to Assign a Case Number by CHRO After submitting a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, David received no acknowledgment or case number, despite following up multiple times. The lack of response signaled procedural obstruction and a failure to fulfill CHRO’s statutory obligations. Exclusion and Ridicule by DSS During public forums related to the ABI Waiver Program, DSS officials publicly ridiculed and excluded David, creating a hostile environment for his advocacy. Witnesses corroborated these incidents, providing evidence of discriminatory practices. Ignored Submissions to the Attorney General’s Office Despite submitting detailed evidence of DSS and CHRO misconduct to the Attorney General on November 1, 2024, no acknowledgment or action was taken. This



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	inaction became apparent when repeated attempts to follow up were ignored. Federal Oversight Failures Complaints to the DOJ and HHS OCR, submitted on November 10, 2024, included comprehensive documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. The absence of substantive action or follow-up from these federal agencies revealed a broader pattern of neglect and inaction. FOIA and ADA Compliance Failures Requests for ADA-compliant communication and public records related to Medicaid funds and the ABI Waiver Program were either ignored or obstructed. These failures were documented through email exchanges, unanswered requests, and a lack of transparent processes. Each discovery is supported by correspondence records, witness testimony, and David's detailed documentation of the systemic barriers and retaliatory practices he encountered. These actions collectively indicate deliberate neglect and systemic discrimination.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegations Documented Retaliation and Exclusion by DSS: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, as corroborated by witnesses and documented in communications. These actions created a hostile environment, directly impeding his ability to advocate for Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities. DSS failed to provide reasonable accommodations under the ADA, including email-only correspondence and simplified processes, despite David's documented cognitive challenges as a brain injury survivor. CHRO's Failure to Investigate: Despite submitting a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, and multiple follow-up communications, CHRO refused to assign a case number or initiate an investigation, violating its statutory obligation to investigate discrimination complaints. CHRO's inaction effectively denied David due process and equal protection under the law, prolonging systemic discrimination and retaliation. Attorney General's Office Inaction: Submissions to the Connecticut Attorney



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	General included detailed evidence of DSS's ADA violations and whistleblower retaliation. Despite the compelling nature of the evidence, the office failed to respond, investigate, or intervene. This neglect demonstrates a disregard for its duty to ensure state agency compliance with federal and state laws. Federal Oversight Failures (DOJ and HHS OCR): The Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights at HHS were notified of systemic ADA violations, misuse of Medicaid funds, and whistleblower retaliation. Despite comprehensive documentation, neither agency initiated a substantive investigation or provided updates. Federal inaction perpetuates the culture of impunity within Connecticut's state agencies. FOIA and Transparency Failures: DSS obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver operations, despite FOIA and state FOIA laws mandating timely responses. Requests for ADA-compliant documents and communication were ignored, compounding David's inability to access critical information. Pattern of Systemic Neglect and Corruption: Connecticut's financial reliance on Medicaid creates an incentive to suppress transparency and accountability. The refusal to investigate whistleblower complaints, accommodate disabilities, or ensure compliance highlights a coordinated effort to shield systemic mismanagement. David Medeiros' Vulnerability as a Brain Injury Survivor: Agencies weaponized David's cognitive challenges to create procedural barriers, delay responses, and obstruct justice, further exacerbating the discrimination and retaliation he faced. The refusal to accommodate his needs constitutes a violation of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act, underscoring the systemic failure to protect vulnerable individuals. Summary of Supporting Evidence: Witness testimony from public forums and interactions with DSS officials. Documentation of corresponden
Allegation	Abuse of Authority



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What action did they take?	Actions Taken: Abuse of Authority State-Level Actions Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Public Ridicule and Exclusion: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluding him from discussions critical to Medicaid policy and decision-making. Denial of ADA Accommodations: Refused to provide accessible communication methods, such as email-only correspondence and simplified procedural guidelines, despite documented cognitive challenges from a brain injury. Obstruction of Records Requests: Failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, withheld critical Medicaid documentation, and ignored whistleblower complaints. Retaliation for Whistleblowing: Took retaliatory actions, such as exclusion from forums and non-response to inquiries, after David exposed Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Failure to Investigate: Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized ADA complaint, preventing any investigation into DSS's discriminatory practices. Neglect of Statutory Duties: Ignored repeated follow-up requests for updates on the complaint, effectively obstructing access to justice. Complicity in Discrimination: Enabled DSS's retaliatory actions by failing to act on clear evidence of discrimination and ADA non-compliance. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Neglect of Oversight Responsibilities: Failed to address or intervene in systemic violations by DSS and CHRO, despite receiving substantial evidence of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights breaches. Shielding State Agencies: Refused to investigate or hold state officials accountable for their misconduct. Federal-Level Actions Department of Justice (DOJ): Failure to Act: Ignored complaints highlighting systemic ADA violations, retaliation against a whistleblower, and constitutional breaches in state-run programs. Deferred Oversight: Allowed Connecticut agencies to operate with impunity by deferring accountability to state authorities.
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	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Neglect of ADA Oversight: Failed to enforce ADA compliance within federally funded Medicaid programs despite clear evidence of systemic violations. Lack of Enforcement by OCR: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) failed to investigate systemic discrimination within Medicaid programs and the actions of DSS. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failure to Address Mismanagement: Neglected to audit or address Medicaid mismanagement under the ABI Waiver Program, enabling further misuse of federal funds and harm to vulnerable populations. Permitting Retaliation: Did not intervene to protect whistleblowers exposing Medicaid corruption. Key Themes of Abuse of Authority: Systemic Retaliation: Agencies targeted David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption, denying him access to justice and public forums. Weaponized Bureaucr
When did this occur?	Timeline of Occurrence: Abuse of Authority Key Dates and Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint: David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to assign a case number or acknowledge the complaint. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO: David contacted CHRO requesting an update and reiterating the need for a case number. No substantive response or acknowledgment was provided. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General: Submitted evidence to the Attorney General's Office highlighting DSS's retaliatory actions, ADA violations, and CHRO's inaction. The Attorney General ignored the submission and took no steps to address the complaints. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to Federal Agencies: Detailed complaints submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR), citing whistleblower retaliation, ADA non-compl
How did you discover this action?	How This Action Was Discovered David Medeiros discovered the retaliatory actions and discriminatory



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	practices through his direct interactions with state agencies, including CHRO, DSS, and the Attorney General's Office. These interactions were marked by deliberate inaction, procedural barriers, and public exclusion. Key discoveries include: Retaliatory Actions at Public Forums: During ABI Waiver Program discussions, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David and excluded him from critical decision-making processes. These actions were directly observed and documented by David as clear attempts to undermine his advocacy efforts and credibility as a whistleblower. Failure to Respond to ADA Accommodation Requests: Despite repeated requests for reasonable ADA accommodations, including simplified correspondence and email-only communication, DSS and CHRO refused to comply. This non-compliance became evident through continued procedural delays and inaccessible communication methods. CHRO's Refusal to Acknowledge Complaint: After filing a notarized complaint with CHRO on October 24, 2024, David discovered the agency's refusal to assign a case number or take any investigative action. Follow-ups on October 30, 2024, further confirmed CHRO's neglect of its statutory duties. Attorney General's Silence: Evidence submitted to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office on November 1, 2024, was met with complete inaction. David discovered the lack of accountability through the Attorney General's failure to respond to his submissions. Federal Inaction by DOJ and HHS OCR: Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, provided detailed documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic misconduct. The absence of follow-up or enforcement from these federal agencies highlighted their neglect. Obstructed FOIA Requests: DSS and CHRO failed to provide timely responses to FOIA requests, further obstructing David's efforts to obtain transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage and agency accountability. Through these events, David identified a coordinated pattern of retaliation, inaction, and systemic
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	discrimination, underscoring a deliberate effort to suppress his advocacy and whistleblower disclosures.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation of Abuse of Authority Documented Retaliation and Public Exclusion: DSS Forum Behavior: During ABI Waiver Program forums, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a disability advocate and whistleblower. This retaliation was witnessed by multiple attendees and documented in communication records. Exclusion from Decision-Making Processes: Despite being a key stakeholder and advocate for individuals with disabilities, David was systematically excluded from forums and denied opportunities to provide input on critical Medicaid policies. Failure to Investigate by CHRO: Despite filing a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and retaliation by DSS, CHRO refused to assign a case number or investigate the allegations. This failure to act highlights CHRO's abdication of its statutory responsibility to protect individuals from discrimination. Attorney General's Refusal to Act: On November 1, 2024, David submitted evidence of misconduct and retaliation to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office has failed to provide acknowledgment, initiate an investigation, or take any corrective action, enabling ongoing abuses. Pattern of ADA Non-Compliance: Multiple ADA accommodation requests, including email-only correspondence and accessible formats for communication, were systematically denied by DSS and CHRO. This lack of compliance demonstrates a deliberate effort to obstruct David's ability to participate meaningfully in governmental processes. FOIA Obstruction: David submitted FOIA requests to DSS and other agencies to obtain records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver Program policies. These requests were either ignored or delayed far beyond statutory deadlines, highlighting a pattern of intentional non-compliance and a lack of transparency. Federal Inaction and Neglect:



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	Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, were met with silence. Despite being provided with comprehensive evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of federal funds, federal agencies failed to investigate or enforce compliance. Exploitation of Disability: Agencies are fully aware of David's traumatic brain injury (TBI) and related cognitive challenges but have weaponized these vulnerabilities by creating procedural barriers, ignoring accommodation requests, and delaying responses. This exploitation underscores the systemic nature of the abuse. Medicaid Mismanagement Concerns: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly regarding the ABI Waiver Program, raises serious concerns about potential mismanagement or misuse of federal funds. The lack of transparency and retaliatory actions suggest an attempt to shield systemic inefficiencies from public scrutiny. Violation of Whistleblower Protections: David's disclosures of Medicaid mismanagement
Allegation	Danger to Public Health
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Individuals and Agencies Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Action: Failed to ensure that public health programs under its jurisdiction comply with ADA standards, particularly for individuals with disabilities accessing Medicaid and ABI Waiver services. Did not intervene or enforce oversight when systemic health access violations were reported. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Action: Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating his constitutional rights to free speech and equal participation. Obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid policies, ABI Waiver management, and whistleblower reports. Failed to provide legally mandated ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats and reasonable procedural modifications. Actively retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on Medicaid mismanagement and



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	systemic corruption. Connecticut Attorney General's Office Action: Ignored formal complaints and evidence of systemic failures, including ADA violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. Declined to intervene or enforce legal obligations despite the evidence provided, effectively enabling state agencies to continue discriminatory and retaliatory practices. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Action: Refused to assign a case number to David Medeiros' notarized discrimination complaint, obstructing access to justice. Failed to investigate ADA violations and retaliation claims, violating its statutory mandate to uphold anti-discrimination laws. Ignored follow-up communications requesting updates on the status of the complaint. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Action: Failed to enforce ADA compliance in federally funded Medicaid programs administered by Connecticut DSS. Did not investigate complaints of systemic discrimination or Medicaid mismanagement despite federal jurisdiction. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division Action: Neglected to act on formal complaints of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights infringements, despite its federal enforcement responsibilities. Allowed Connecticut agencies to continue operating without accountability for systemic misconduct. Federal Elected Officials (Senators and Representatives) Action: Did not advocate for or initiate federal oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid program or address the systemic discrimination and retaliation against whistleblowers. Summary of Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Systemic exclusion of David Medeiros from public forums and decision-making processes. Suppression of whistleblower allegations through procedural delays, inaction, and retaliation. Weaponization of David's brain injury by refusing ADA-mandated accommodations, effectively silencing his advocacy. Mismanagement of Medicaid funds and denial of transparen
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When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) regarding ADA violations, discrimination, and retaliation by DSS. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David followed up with CHRO to request a case number and a status update on his complaint. CHRO failed to respond or provide the requested case number. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General's Office David submitted evidence and a formal appeal to the Connecticut Attorney General, outlining DSS misconduct, CHRO inaction, and systemic ADA violations. The Attorney General ignored this submission. November 10, 2024 – Complaint Escalation to Federal Agencies David submitted formal complaints to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These complaints detailed ADA violations,
How did you discover this action?	David Medeiros uncovered these actions through personal experiences as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and Medicaid stakeholder. Key discoveries include: Direct Personal Experience: While engaging with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) as a whistleblower and advocate for the ABI Waiver Program, David directly experienced public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and systemic retaliation. Documented Evidence: David submitted formal complaints to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) and other agencies, only to receive no substantive responses or assigned case numbers, highlighting systemic failures. Procedural Barriers: Through attempts to obtain information via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and ADA accommodation requests, David encountered procedural delays, denials, and refusals to provide accessible formats. Patterns of Neglect and Retaliation: The lack of federal enforcement from agencies such as the DOJ and



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	HHS OCR revealed systemic inaction and a pattern of neglect, particularly against individuals with disabilities and whistleblowers. Community Feedback and Advocacy Efforts: David learned of similar patterns of exclusion and systemic failures from other whistleblowers, Medicaid recipients, and disability advocates, further corroborating his findings. These cumulative experiences and observations provided David with irrefutable evidence of systemic wrongdoing, gross mismanagement, and abuse of authority.
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? Documented Complaints and Correspondence: Multiple formal complaints were submitted to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of the Connecticut Attorney General, and federal agencies like the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR). These complaints document allegations of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers or investigate further substantiates a pattern of inaction. ADA Violations and Procedural Barriers: Agencies failed to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, such as email-only communication, simplified correspondence, and accessible formats. These violations demonstrate a deliberate disregard for federal disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). Retaliatory Actions: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluded him from critical discussions, and obstructed his access to essential records and accommodations. These retaliatory actions were intended to discredit David and suppress his advocacy. FOIA and Transparency Failures: David's FOIA requests seeking information on Medicaid fund usage, including ABI Waiver program details, were ignored or delayed, violating transparency laws under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Connecticut FOIA statutes (C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.).



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	Testimonies and Community Evidence: Accounts from other disability advocates, Medicaid recipients, and whistleblowers corroborate systemic issues within Connecticut's state agencies, particularly DSS and CHRO. Patterns of retaliation, neglect, and obstruction have been consistently reported. Systemic Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly in relation to the ABI Waiver Program, raises concerns about potential misuse or gross mismanagement of public funds intended to serve vulnerable populations. Federal Inaction and Knowledge of Disability: Federal agencies, including the DOJ and HHS OCR, were alerted to the systemic failures and retaliatory practices, but no substantive action has been taken. This inaction, despite full knowledge of David's traumatic brain injury and ADA-related needs, compounds the harm. Impact on Public Health and Safety: Neglecting ADA compliance and whistleblower protections undermines public trust, threatens the integrity of federally funded programs, and endangers Medicaid beneficiaries reliant on these services for health and safety. These facts collectively establish a pattern of systemic neglect, retaliation, and corruption within Connecticut state agencies and the failure of federal oversight bodies to intervene effectively.
Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? The individuals and entities listed above engaged in actions or failed to act in ways that facilitated or perpetuated gross waste of public funds. Specifically: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Improper Use of Medicaid Funds: Failed to allocate Medicaid funds appropriately within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Funds intended for critical care were mismanaged, diverted, or left unaccounted for. Neglected oversight of contracts and services provided to vulnerable populations, resulting in inefficiencies, waste, and potentially fraudulent activity. Inadequate Financial Reporting: Deliberately delayed or withheld accurate financial



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	reports related to Medicaid expenditures, violating transparency and federal compliance obligations. Failure to Conduct Internal Audits: Ignored requirements to investigate and audit financial practices within the ABI Waiver Program and other DSS-administered Medicaid services. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Approval of Questionable Allocations: Authorized state budgets and Medicaid expenditures without proper accountability mechanisms to track the use of funds. Failure to Address Known Inefficiencies: Despite financial distress and known concerns about Medicaid mismanagement, OPM failed to implement corrective measures to reduce waste or increase oversight. Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Inadequate Legislative Oversight: Failed to hold DSS accountable during budget reviews or Medicaid oversight hearings, enabling wasteful practices to continue unchecked. Refusal to Investigate Complaints: Ignored whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts highlighting systemic Medicaid mismanagement and wasteful spending. State Comptroller's Office: Failure to Monitor Spending: Did not ensure proper documentation or auditing of Medicaid disbursements, including those related to the ABI Waiver Program. Neglect of Transparency Requirements: Omitted mandatory public disclosures that would expose financial mismanagement. Federal Oversight Bodies: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failed to audit or investigate Connecticut's Medicaid program despite clear indicators of mismanagement. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Did not enforce federal requirements for accountability in state-administered Medicaid programs, allowing systemic waste to persist. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), HHS: Neglected its duty to investigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse in Connecticut's use of Medicaid funds, particularly those impacting vulnerable populations. Other Actions Taken: Retaliation Against Whistleblowers: Suppressed complaints and retaliated against individuals, including
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	David Medeiros, who attempted to expose wasteful practices or seek transparency. Deliberate Obfuscation of Records: Withheld or failed to provide critical financial documents and records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The gross waste of public funds by the listed individuals and entities occurred over an extended period, spanning several years. Key timeframes include: Ongoing Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds Mismanagement within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other Medicaid services has persisted for at least the past five years, with notable escalation from 2020 through 2024 as whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts exposed systemic issues. Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Retaliation against David Medeiros began following his whistleblower activities in 2022 and has continued through 2024. These actions coincided with: Reports submitted to Connecticut DSS regarding Medicaid mismanagement. Complaints filed with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) in 2023 and 2024. Failure of Oversight Bodies The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) failed to act on
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? David Medeiros, as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and founder of ABI Resources, uncovered these actions through firsthand involvement, research, and communication with affected populations. The following outlines how these actions were discovered: Direct Involvement in Advocacy and Reporting: As a Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver (ABI Waiver) provider, David observed consistent mismanagement, delays, and non-compliance with Medicaid policies, impacting vulnerable populations reliant on these services. His firsthand interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials revealed systemic failures in the administration of funds, refusal to provide transparency, and retaliatory practices against those raising concerns. Complaints Filed and



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	Ignored: After filing formal complaints with DSS, CHRO, and other state agencies, David noted repeated refusals to assign case numbers, investigate allegations, or address the reported issues, indicating procedural obstructions and systemic retaliation. Follow-ups with state and federal oversight bodies, including HHS OCR and DOJ, yielded no action, further exposing a coordinated effort to suppress whistleblowers. Testimonies from Affected Populations: Through his work with ABI Resources, David received testimonies from individuals and families, highlighting delayed Medicaid services, discriminatory practices, and inaccessible public forums for those with disabilities. These accounts confirmed widespread financial inefficiencies and administrative failures within state programs. Analysis of FOIA Responses and Obstructions: Requests for Medicaid fund records under FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) were delayed, denied, or inadequately addressed, further revealing the deliberate suppression of transparency regarding the misuse of federal and state funds. DSS and CHRO's refusal to provide complete, timely, and accurate information raised significant concerns about financial mismanagement. Patterns of Retaliation: Retaliation against David personally—including public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and denial of accommodations—demonstrated a coordinated effort to silence his whistleblower activities. Escalation to Federal Agencies: Escalation to DOJ and HHS OCR in 2023 and 2024 confirmed federal inaction despite substantial evidence of systemic violations, indicating complicit neglect or deferral of oversight.
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following additional facts substantiate the allegations of gross waste of funds, mismanagement, and retaliatory practices by Connecticut state agencies and the federal inaction that has allowed these violations to persist: Documented FOIA Non-Compliance and Withheld Records: Numerous FOIA requests filed with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and



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	other agencies remain unanswered, delayed, or improperly denied. Refusal to disclose Medicaid spending records and program oversight audits has raised concerns about the misallocation of funds and deliberate suppression of accountability. The lack of transparency violates FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) and creates a strong presumption of financial mismanagement. Patterns of Financial Irregularities in Medicaid Waiver Programs: Analysis of publicly available records and reports from Medicaid beneficiaries highlights delays and denials in services promised under the ABI Waiver Program, indicating misuse or diversion of federal funds. Families and individuals reliant on Medicaid services have reported prolonged processing times and inadequate resource allocation, suggesting systemic inefficiencies. Unaddressed Whistleblower Retaliation: David Medeiros faced public ridicule, exclusion, and retaliation for raising concerns about Medicaid mismanagement. These actions deter further scrutiny of DSS's practices and reinforce a culture of impunity. State agencies have ignored whistleblower protections outlined in the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302), further preventing transparency. Testimonies from Affected Individuals: Accounts from Medicaid beneficiaries and families describe delays in essential healthcare services and unexplained denials of claims, which directly contradict the program's intended purpose and funding requirements. Repeated Procedural Obstructions: DSS's refusal to issue detailed responses to formal complaints and case filings obstructs accountability efforts. The CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers prevents investigations into discrimination and non-compliance with ADA standards. Attorney General's Office inaction demonstrates systemic neglect, enabling DSS to continue its harmful practices unchecked. Expert Reports and Audits Ignored: Calls for independent audits of DSS's Medicaid programs have been ignored or dismissed, raising concerns about financial mismanagement and failure to adhere to federal funding regulations. Violation
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	of Federal Oversight Obligations: Federal agencies, including HHS OCR and the DOJ, have failed to enforce ADA compliance or investigate allegations of systemic corruption, allowing ongoing violations to harm vulnerable populations. Exploitation of Disability Challenges: David Medeiros, a brain injury survivor, has faced procedural barriers intentionally designed to exploit his cognitive challenges, such as refusal to provide accessible communication formats or simplified processes requ
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Kristen	Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division:	Assistant Attorney General: Kristen Clarke Directly oversees enforcement of civil rights laws, inclu
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Director:	Responsible for enforcing ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act within federally funded heal
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Office of the Attorney General:	Primary legal officer for Connecticut, responsible for ensuring state agencies comply with constitut
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Oversees Medicaid administration and implementation of programs



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		(DSS): Commissioner:	such as the ABI Waiver, directly tie
Tanya A. Hughes	Tanya A. Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Executive Director:	Investigates discrimination complaints, including ADA violations, but has shown inaction in your cas
Henry J. Kerner	Henry J. Kerner	U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC): Special Counsel:	Investigates whistleblower retaliation and reports of government wrongdoing.
Julie Su	Julie Su	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):	Responsible for oversight of workplace ADA compliance and protections for individuals with disabilit
Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator:	Responsible for federal oversight of Medicaid programs, including ensuring state compliance with fed
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	Governor of Connecticut:	The executive authority overseeing state agencies, including DSS and CHRO, with the power to order r
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH):	Ensures state compliance with health-related ADA requirements and public health safety.
Gary Winfield	Gary Winfield	Connecticut General Assembly, Judiciary Committee:	Legislative oversight for state agency practices, including transparency, civil rights compliance, a



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Andrés J. Gallegos	Andrés J. Gallegos	National Council on Disability (NCD): Chair:	Federal agency advising the President and Congress on disability policies, including ADA compliance
Alina M. Semo	Alina M. Semo	Office of Government Information Services (OGIS): Director:	Mediates FOIA disputes and ensures transparency in government operations.
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	Investigates misuse of federal funds and systemic inefficiencies in federally funded programs like M
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor
Jeffrey Beckham	Jeffrey Beckham	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Secretary	Oversees budget and funding allocation, including Medicaid funds. Negligence or failure to ensure pr
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner
Colleen M. Murphy	Colleen M. Murphy	Executive Director and General Counsel	Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC):



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Martin M. Looney	Martin M. Looney	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Senate President Pro Tempore	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Matthew Ritter	Matthew Ritter	House Speaker	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator
Charlotte Burrows	Charlotte Burrows	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Chair
Henry Kerner	Henry Kerner	Office of Special Counsel (OSC):	ederal oversight for whistleblower complaints. If whistleblower disclosures were ignored or mishandl
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General
Christi A. Grimm	Christi A. Grimm	Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services:	OIG is tasked with investigating fraud, waste, and abuse in federally funded programs like Medicaid.



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		Inspector General	
Deidre S. Gifford	Deidre S. Gifford	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Oversaw the agency's discriminatory practices, denial of ADA accommodations, and retaliatory actions
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Failed to ensure the investigation of complaints, neglected to assign case numbers, and ignored stat
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General	Ignored evidence of systemic failures and violations, failing to intervene or hold DSS and CHRO acco
Merrick B. Garland	Merrick B. Garland	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Neglected oversight responsibilities related to ADA compliance within Medicaid-funded programs.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Role: Allowed systemic Medicaid mismanagement and misuse of federal funds without intervention.
Lisa J. Pino	Lisa J. Pino	Director, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), HHS	Failed to enforce ADA compliance and investigate systemic discrimination and retaliatory practices w



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Manisha Juthani, MD	Manisha Juthani, MD	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)	Oversees public health policies and programs, potentially involved in Medicaid oversight and ADA com
Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
William Tong	William Tong	Attorney General, State of Connecticut	Legal oversight of state agencies, failed to act on documented violations and complaints
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Robyn M. Colosimo	Robyn M. Colosimo	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)
Richard Blumenthal	Richard Blumenthal	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for federal investigations and legislative oversight of state misconduct.
Chris Murphy	Chris Murphy	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for ensuring ADA compliance and whistleblower protections.
Rosa DeLauro	Rosa DeLauro	U.S. Representative, Connecticut's 3rd District	Focus on federal Medicaid and social services programs.
Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS
Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS
Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO
William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut



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		General, Connecticut	
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division
Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut
Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):
Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):



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Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Responsible for approving state Medicaid budgets and reforms.
Rob Kane	Rob Kane	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
John C. Geragosian	John C. Geragosian	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
Sean Scanlon	Sean Scanlon	State Comptroller	Monitors DSS Medicaid-related expenditures and financial reporting.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Responsible for monitoring Medicaid mismanagement in Connecticut.
Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Comptroller General of the United States	Leads federal reviews of wasteful practices involving Medicaid funds.
Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Conducts investigations into Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.
Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Enforces whistleblower protection for those reporting waste or mismanagement.



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Request for Federal Representation and Protection to Restore Constitutional Rights
To the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC):

This complaint requires immediate federal representation to protect David Medeiros, a whistleblower, taxpayer advocate, and person with a disability, whose constitutional rights have been systematically violated by Connecticut state agencies. The federal government must act decisively to ensure that David's rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as well as federal statutes like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Whistleblower Protection Act, are restored and protected.

Specific Actions Requested for Representation and Protection

Immediate Federal Representation

Federal Counsel Appointment: Appoint a federally funded attorney or representative to ensure David's constitutional rights are fully protected and enforced.

Direct Oversight of Legal Proceedings: Federal representatives must oversee all ongoing interactions between David and Connecticut agencies to prevent further violations or retaliation.

Protection from Retaliation: Establish safeguards ensuring David is no longer subjected to exclusion, discrimination, or retaliatory actions by state agencies or officials.

Restoration of Constitutional Rights

First Amendment: Reinforce David's right to petition the government for redress of grievances without fear of retaliation or obstruction.

Fifth Amendment: Ensure due process protections are upheld, requiring transparent and timely responses to David's complaints and FOIA requests.

Fourteenth Amendment: Address systemic discrimination and ensure equal protection under the law, particularly as it pertains to David's disability and whistleblower status.

Mandate ADA Compliance and Accessibility

Guarantee Accommodations: Require Connecticut agencies to provide ADA-compliant accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified procedures, tailored to David's cognitive needs as a traumatic brain injury survivor.

Independent Audit of ADA Compliance: Conduct a federal audit of ADA adherence within Connecticut's federally funded programs, including DSS's administration of the ABI Waiver Program.



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Federal Oversight to Enforce Accountability

Assign a Federal Monitor: Appoint an independent federal monitor to oversee the actions of Connecticut agencies, ensuring compliance with constitutional and statutory obligations.

Investigate Retaliatory Practices: Launch a federal investigation into retaliatory actions by Connecticut state officials against David Medeiros, holding violators accountable.

Restorative Justice for David Medeiros

Public Acknowledgment: Require Connecticut agencies to publicly acknowledge their violations of David's rights and take corrective action.

Financial Restitution: Compensate David for the personal, professional, and financial harm caused by the systemic violations and retaliatory practices.

Reinstatement of Advocacy Rights: Ensure David's ability to advocate for vulnerable populations, including individuals with disabilities, is fully restored without obstruction or exclusion.

Set a National Precedent

Protect All Whistleblowers: Use David's case to establish stronger federal protections for whistleblowers, ensuring no individual faces similar violations or retaliation in the future.

Strengthen Constitutional Safeguards: Reinforce federal mechanisms to prevent states from undermining constitutional and civil rights.

Systemic Reform Across States: Mandate reforms ensuring all states comply with federal laws protecting taxpayers, individuals with disabilities, and whistleblowers.

Conclusion

David Medeiros has endured severe constitutional violations, systemic discrimination, and targeted retaliation as a whistleblower and disability advocate. The federal government has a moral and legal obligation to represent and protect him, ensuring that his rights are fully restored and upheld.

By providing federal representation and enforcing constitutional and statutory protections, OSC can not only deliver justice for David but also set an enduring example for safeguarding the rights of all Americans, particularly those most vulnerable to systemic failures.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:



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Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Case ID #:

a. **What is the status of the matter?**

NOTE: MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

It is the general policy of OSC not to transmit allegations of wrongdoing to the head of the agency involved if the agency's Office of Inspector General has fully investigated, or is currently investigating, the same allegations.

ATTACHMENTS

Please note that the space available for attachments is limited. Therefore, DO NOT attach every document and email that may be relevant to your claim. You will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date. We recommend limiting attachments to official forms and correspondence that document the action(s) at issue in your disclosure if these documents are relevant to your allegations.

I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Federal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 11.28.2024 .pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 .PDF
10.24.2024 DOJ complaint Submission complete.pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 (1).PDF
October 30, 2024 - David Medeiros VS Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS CT gov.docx



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requests (9).csv
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11.27.2024 Escalated Complaint FOIA Non-Compliance ADA Violations Constitutional Violations and Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
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01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
11.23.2024 Binder1.pdf
09.24.2024
Federal Intervention HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf
Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity Whistleblower Report Mediciad ABI Waiver Programs.pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf
FOIA .zip
01.04.2024 CHRO AUDITS Binder2.pdf
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Medeiros Response.pdf
Governor Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
12.14.2023 Dear Matthew S. Antonetti CT DSS .pdf
01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
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10.22.2024 10.39 am CHRO Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
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2410220 CAR Dismissal .pdf
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2410220 Affidavit.pdf
12.23.2023 CHRO COMPLAINT .docx
Admin-CL (1).pdf
01.26.2024 Binder1.pdf
dss foia ghewtfrg Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
ABI Forum 2024.pdf
12.23.2023 Governor Ned Lamont. David Medeiros ABI Resources Call for Systemic Reform in Response to ADA Accommodation Failures and Disability Discrimination Whistleblower Retaliation Compliance CT DSS COU CHRO .pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf

CONSENT

Do you consent to the disclosure of your identify to others outside OSC if it becomes necessary in taking further action on this matter?*

I consent to disclosure of my identity.

Yes

I do not consent to disclosure of my identity. (Even if you do not consent, OSC may disclose your identity if necessary due to an imminent danger to public health or safety or imminent violation of any criminal law. See 5 U.S.C. § 1213(h).)

No

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes



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BURDEN: The burden for this collection of information (including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the form) is estimated to be an average of one hour to submit a disclosure of information alleging agency wrongdoing, one hour and fifteen minutes to submit a complaint alleging a prohibited personnel practice or other prohibited activity, or 30 minutes to submit a complaint alleging prohibited political activity. Please send any comments about this burden estimate, and suggestions for reducing the burden, to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, General Counsel's Office, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

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OSC WHISTLEBLOWER DISCLOSURE CHANNEL

Under 5 U.S.C. § 1213 and related provisions, the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) serves as a secure channel for federal employees, former federal employees, and applicants for federal employment with reliable knowledge of the wrongdoing to disclose:

- a violation of law, rule or regulation;
- gross mismanagement;
- gross waste of funds;
- an abuse of authority;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; and/or
- censorship related to scientific research.

OSC JURISDICTION

OSC has no jurisdiction over disclosures filed by:

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- members of the armed forces of the United States (*i.e.*, non-civilian military employees);
- state employees operating under federal grants;
- employees of federal contractors;
- other employees or federal agencies that are exempt under federal law; and
- Congressional or judicial branch employees.

ANONYMOUS SOURCES

While OSC will protect the identity of persons who make disclosures, it will not consider anonymous disclosures. If a disclosure is filed by an anonymous source, the disclosure will be referred to the Office of Inspector General in the appropriate agency. OSC will take no further action.

RETALIATION

Do you believe you suffered retaliation by your agency for disclosing wrongdoing? If yes, you may file a complaint of retaliation by navigating back to "My Cases" and selecting "New Complaint." Select Option 1 to complete and submit a Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity (PPPs). *If you have already completed the Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity above, please continue with this Disclosure.* PPPs are employment-related activities that are banned in the federal workforce.



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PPPs generally involve some type of personnel decision or action and may result in personal relief for people who have been subject to a PPP. For example, if we find that you were removed from federal service in retaliation for whistleblowing, OSC may act to get your job back. PPPs can also include allegations of harassment, failure to issue appraisals, and improper hiring. Do not file a disclosure to report retaliation or other PPPs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Middle Initial:

Last Name:* Medeiros

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Preferred means of contact:

Email: Yes

Cell phone: No

Home phone: No

Office phone: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation? No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Middle Initial:

Last Name:*

International Address?:

Address: *



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Office Phone Number:

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Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Department/Agency about which you are making a disclosure.

Department:* Justice

Agency:* Office Of The Inspector General

Agency subcomponent: Office of the Inspector General (OIG) For DOJ: Disability Rights
Section For HHS: Office for Civil R

Street Address: 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip Code: 20201

Employment Status:* Non-Federal Employee (please specify)

Title	Series	Grade

Please provide your dates of employment in this position.

Employment Service Type	Employment Service Subtype	If Other (specify)
Excepted Service	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower
Other	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower

Are you covered by a collective bargaining agreement?



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DETAILS OF YOUR DISCLOSURES

Please identify the type of wrongdoing that you are alleging. You can make multiple disclosures, but you **MUST** choose one option. If you check "violation of law, rule, or regulation," specify, if you can, the particular law, rule or regulation violated (by name, subject, and/or legal citation). For each allegation, please answer the following questions (be as specific as possible). Please keep in mind that you will have an opportunity to provide more information and someone from OSC will contact you.

If OSC determines there is a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing, OSC will refer your disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. To meet the substantial likelihood standard, there must be a significant probability that the information reveals wrongdoing that falls within one or more of the categories above. In its evaluation, OSC considers the strength, reliability, and credibility of the disclosures. If the substantial likelihood determination cannot be made, OSC will determine whether there is sufficient information to exercise its discretion to refer the allegations.

DISCLOSURES

Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Involved Parties 1. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): - Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating ADA and First Amendment protections. - Refused to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified processes. - Obstructed access to critical information about Medicaid programs, including ABI Waiver policies, in violation of FOIA. - Retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on systemic Medicaid mismanagement. 2. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): - Refused to assign a case number or investigate David's notarized complaint alleging ADA violations and discrimination by DSS. - Ignored follow-up inquiries regarding the status of the complaint, denying due process and perpetuating



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	discrimination. 3. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: • Failed to act on evidence submitted by David Medeiros regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's inaction. • Neglected its statutory duty to uphold constitutional and civil rights protections in Connecticut, effectively enabling systemic violations. 4. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: • Ignored David's formal complaints regarding ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic corruption within Connecticut's Medicaid program. • Failed to investigate or enforce federal protections, allowing violations to persist unchecked. 5. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): • Did not investigate systemic ADA violations in Connecticut's Medicaid program, despite clear evidence of non-compliance and harm to individuals with disabilities. 6. Connecticut Governor's Office: • Failed to intervene or provide oversight of DSS and CHRO despite being alerted to systemic violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. 7. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): • Did not enforce federal Medicaid oversight to ensure that Connecticut DSS complies with federal regulations and ADA mandates. Summary of Actions: • Exclusion: Agencies excluded David from forums and processes critical to his advocacy and whistleblower activities. • Retaliation: State and federal actors retaliated against David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement, violating whistleblower protections. • Non-Compliance: Agencies failed to uphold ADA requirements and constitutional rights, creating systemic barriers and procedural delays. • Neglect: Federal oversight bodies deferred action, enabling Connecticut agencies to act with impunity. Constitutional Violations and Crimes Committed 12. First Amendment Violations • Suppression of Petition Rights: By ignoring David Medeiros' complaints and failing to investigate or act on his claims, Connecticut state agencies and federal oversight bodies have
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	suppressed his constitutional right to petition the government for redress of grievances. • Retaliation Against Free Speech: Retaliatory actions, such a
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	Submission to DOJ David submitted a comprehensive complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), detailing ADA violations, constitutional breaches, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement by Connecticut agencies. Despite the urgency, the DOJ failed to initiate an investigation or enforce compliance. November 28, 2024 – Current Status CHRO: Refuses to assign a case number or act on David’s complaint, obstructing due process. Connecticut Attorney General: Has ignored all communications, abdicating responsibility for overseeing state agency compliance. DOJ: Has not taken substantive action to investigate federal violations or ensure ADA compliance. HHS OCR: Remains unresponsive despite its mandate to enforce ADA compliance and Medicaid program integrity. These violations and inactions have created a continuous pattern of systemic neglect and retaliation against David Medeiros, with no resolution or accountability to date. You said: 4. How did you discover this action? ChatGPT said: How the Action Was Discovered David Medeiros, as a whistleblower and disability advocate, discovered the actions through direct personal experience and documentation, which include: Personal Experience with Discrimination and Retaliation David experienced firsthand acts of exclusion, public ridicule, and procedural barriers during interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials. For example: He was excluded from critical discussions related to the ABI Waiver Program. He was subjected to public ridicule during forums, despite being a known advocate for individuals with disabilities and a whistleblower exposing Medicaid mismanagement. Documented Failures of State Agencies David submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) detailing ADA violations and retaliation. However, CHRO failed to acknowledge the complaint, assign a case number, or investigate the allegations, creating procedural obstacles. Evidence of Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General Despite
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	escalating the matter and providing comprehensive evidence of systemic failure
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation Documented Failures by State Agencies Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to: Assign a case number. Investigate the allegations. Provide any substantive acknowledgment or response, violating its statutory mandate to investigate discrimination complaints. This procedural inaction obstructs justice and denies David's right to due process. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Retaliation: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David during ABI Waiver forums and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a whistleblower and disability advocate. DSS has refused to provide reasonable ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats (e.g., email-only correspondence), in direct violation of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Despite receiving evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and Medicaid mismanagement, the Attorney General's Office failed to investigate or respond, abdicating its responsibility to enforce state and federal laws. Federal Oversight Failures: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) were notified of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional breaches in November 2024. Despite this, no federal investigations or enforcement actions have been initiated, perpetuating state agency misconduct. Evidence of ADA Non-Compliance: DSS repeatedly refused David's requests for ADA-compliant communication, such as screen-reader-compatible documents and simplified processes, exacerbating the challenges he faces as a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor. Mismanagement of Public Funds: DSS has



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	obstructed transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage, particularly funds allocated to the ABI Waiver Program. This raises significant concerns about potential misuse or mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Exploitation of Disability: State and federal officials are aware of David's brain injury and cognitive challenges, yet they have exploited his disability by creating procedural barriers and denying accommodations, effectively excluding him from advocacy and justice processes. Pattern of Systemic Corruption and Retaliation: Agencies at both the state and federal levels have demonstrated a clear pattern of protecting their leadership and shielding systemic inefficiencies, corruption, and discrimination, rather than addressing legitimate complaints. By refusing to act on whistleblower disclosures, these agencies have enabled misconduct, eroded public trust, and fostered an environment where accountability is absent. Violation of Transparency Laws: DSS and CHRO have failed to comply with Freedom of Information
Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	The listed individuals and entities engaged in or facilitated actions that collectively constitute systemic violations of constitutional rights, ADA non-compliance, whistleblower retaliation, and mismanagement of public funds. These actions include: 1. Suppression of Whistleblower Rights and Retaliation DSS (Connecticut Department of Social Services): Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros from critical forums related to Medicaid and the ABI Waiver Program. Obstructed David's advocacy efforts by withholding ADA-mandated accommodations, such as accessible communication formats and email-only correspondence. Refused to provide requested records or updates, effectively silencing his whistleblowing efforts and suppressing public accountability. CHRO (Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities): Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized complaint, delaying and obstructing justice. Failed to investigate claims of systemic discrimination and retaliation, despite statutory



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	mandates. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Ignored multiple submissions of evidence regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's failure to act. Failed to intervene or provide oversight to enforce transparency, ADA compliance, and whistleblower protections. 2. Violations of ADA Protections and Disability Rights DSS: Denied reasonable accommodations to David Medeiros, a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor, making it impossible for him to meaningfully participate in public processes. Weaponized David's disability by exploiting his cognitive challenges to create procedural delays, obstruct communication, and undermine his advocacy. CHRO: Failed to enforce ADA and anti-discrimination statutes by not investigating documented violations or taking any corrective actions. Federal Agencies (DOJ, HHS OCR, CMS): Neglected oversight responsibilities to ensure ADA compliance and accessibility in Connecticut's Medicaid program, enabling DSS to continue discriminatory practices unchecked. 3. Mismanagement of Public Funds and Lack of Transparency DSS: Withheld public records related to Medicaid fund allocations, including the ABI Waiver Program, violating FOIA and state transparency laws. Mismanaged Medicaid resources by failing to meet federal ADA standards while continuing to receive federal funding. Federal Agencies (CMS, HHS OCR): Failed to audit or investigate the misuse of Medicaid funds in Connecticut, despite whistleblower complaints highlighting systemic issues. 4. Abuse of Authority and Gross Mismanagement Connecticut Leadership (OPM, Governor's Office): Allowed systemic failures in oversight and enforcement by not addressing persistent complaints of corruption, discrimination, and retaliation. Enabled DSS and CHRO's non-compliance with state and federal laws by failing to enact structural reforms. Federal Agencies (DOJ, OSC): Ignored whistleblower reports and failed to initiate investigations into Connecticut's systemic mismanagement of Medicaid and ADA violat
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How did you discover this action?	Discovery of Actions David Medeiros discovered these actions through firsthand experience and documented interactions with the involved parties. The following key events and observations provided evidence of the actions taken against him: Refusal to Assign a Case Number by CHRO After submitting a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, David received no acknowledgment or case number, despite following up multiple times. The lack of response signaled procedural obstruction and a failure to fulfill CHRO’s statutory obligations. Exclusion and Ridicule by DSS During public forums related to the ABI Waiver Program, DSS officials publicly ridiculed and excluded David, creating a hostile environment for his advocacy. Witnesses corroborated these incidents, providing evidence of discriminatory practices. Ignored Submissions to the Attorney General’s Office Despite submitting detailed evidence of DSS and CHRO misconduct to the Attorney General on November 1, 2024, no acknowledgment or action was taken. This



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	inaction became apparent when repeated attempts to follow up were ignored. Federal Oversight Failures Complaints to the DOJ and HHS OCR, submitted on November 10, 2024, included comprehensive documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. The absence of substantive action or follow-up from these federal agencies revealed a broader pattern of neglect and inaction. FOIA and ADA Compliance Failures Requests for ADA-compliant communication and public records related to Medicaid funds and the ABI Waiver Program were either ignored or obstructed. These failures were documented through email exchanges, unanswered requests, and a lack of transparent processes. Each discovery is supported by correspondence records, witness testimony, and David's detailed documentation of the systemic barriers and retaliatory practices he encountered. These actions collectively indicate deliberate neglect and systemic discrimination.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegations Documented Retaliation and Exclusion by DSS: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, as corroborated by witnesses and documented in communications. These actions created a hostile environment, directly impeding his ability to advocate for Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities. DSS failed to provide reasonable accommodations under the ADA, including email-only correspondence and simplified processes, despite David's documented cognitive challenges as a brain injury survivor. CHRO's Failure to Investigate: Despite submitting a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, and multiple follow-up communications, CHRO refused to assign a case number or initiate an investigation, violating its statutory obligation to investigate discrimination complaints. CHRO's inaction effectively denied David due process and equal protection under the law, prolonging systemic discrimination and retaliation. Attorney General's Office Inaction: Submissions to the Connecticut Attorney



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	General included detailed evidence of DSS's ADA violations and whistleblower retaliation. Despite the compelling nature of the evidence, the office failed to respond, investigate, or intervene. This neglect demonstrates a disregard for its duty to ensure state agency compliance with federal and state laws. Federal Oversight Failures (DOJ and HHS OCR): The Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights at HHS were notified of systemic ADA violations, misuse of Medicaid funds, and whistleblower retaliation. Despite comprehensive documentation, neither agency initiated a substantive investigation or provided updates. Federal inaction perpetuates the culture of impunity within Connecticut's state agencies. FOIA and Transparency Failures: DSS obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver operations, despite FOIA and state FOIA laws mandating timely responses. Requests for ADA-compliant documents and communication were ignored, compounding David's inability to access critical information. Pattern of Systemic Neglect and Corruption: Connecticut's financial reliance on Medicaid creates an incentive to suppress transparency and accountability. The refusal to investigate whistleblower complaints, accommodate disabilities, or ensure compliance highlights a coordinated effort to shield systemic mismanagement. David Medeiros' Vulnerability as a Brain Injury Survivor: Agencies weaponized David's cognitive challenges to create procedural barriers, delay responses, and obstruct justice, further exacerbating the discrimination and retaliation he faced. The refusal to accommodate his needs constitutes a violation of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act, underscoring the systemic failure to protect vulnerable individuals. Summary of Supporting Evidence: Witness testimony from public forums and interactions with DSS officials. Documentation of corresponden
Allegation	Abuse of Authority



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What action did they take?	Actions Taken: Abuse of Authority State-Level Actions Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Public Ridicule and Exclusion: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluding him from discussions critical to Medicaid policy and decision-making. Denial of ADA Accommodations: Refused to provide accessible communication methods, such as email-only correspondence and simplified procedural guidelines, despite documented cognitive challenges from a brain injury. Obstruction of Records Requests: Failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, withheld critical Medicaid documentation, and ignored whistleblower complaints. Retaliation for Whistleblowing: Took retaliatory actions, such as exclusion from forums and non-response to inquiries, after David exposed Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Failure to Investigate: Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized ADA complaint, preventing any investigation into DSS's discriminatory practices. Neglect of Statutory Duties: Ignored repeated follow-up requests for updates on the complaint, effectively obstructing access to justice. Complicity in Discrimination: Enabled DSS's retaliatory actions by failing to act on clear evidence of discrimination and ADA non-compliance. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Neglect of Oversight Responsibilities: Failed to address or intervene in systemic violations by DSS and CHRO, despite receiving substantial evidence of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights breaches. Shielding State Agencies: Refused to investigate or hold state officials accountable for their misconduct. Federal-Level Actions Department of Justice (DOJ): Failure to Act: Ignored complaints highlighting systemic ADA violations, retaliation against a whistleblower, and constitutional breaches in state-run programs. Deferred Oversight: Allowed Connecticut agencies to operate with impunity by deferring accountability to state authorities.
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	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Neglect of ADA Oversight: Failed to enforce ADA compliance within federally funded Medicaid programs despite clear evidence of systemic violations. Lack of Enforcement by OCR: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) failed to investigate systemic discrimination within Medicaid programs and the actions of DSS. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failure to Address Mismanagement: Neglected to audit or address Medicaid mismanagement under the ABI Waiver Program, enabling further misuse of federal funds and harm to vulnerable populations. Permitting Retaliation: Did not intervene to protect whistleblowers exposing Medicaid corruption. Key Themes of Abuse of Authority: Systemic Retaliation: Agencies targeted David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption, denying him access to justice and public forums. Weaponized Bureaucr
When did this occur?	Timeline of Occurrence: Abuse of Authority Key Dates and Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint: David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to assign a case number or acknowledge the complaint. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO: David contacted CHRO requesting an update and reiterating the need for a case number. No substantive response or acknowledgment was provided. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General: Submitted evidence to the Attorney General's Office highlighting DSS's retaliatory actions, ADA violations, and CHRO's inaction. The Attorney General ignored the submission and took no steps to address the complaints. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to Federal Agencies: Detailed complaints submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR), citing whistleblower retaliation, ADA non-compl
How did you discover this action?	How This Action Was Discovered David Medeiros discovered the retaliatory actions and discriminatory



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	practices through his direct interactions with state agencies, including CHRO, DSS, and the Attorney General's Office. These interactions were marked by deliberate inaction, procedural barriers, and public exclusion. Key discoveries include: Retaliatory Actions at Public Forums: During ABI Waiver Program discussions, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David and excluded him from critical decision-making processes. These actions were directly observed and documented by David as clear attempts to undermine his advocacy efforts and credibility as a whistleblower. Failure to Respond to ADA Accommodation Requests: Despite repeated requests for reasonable ADA accommodations, including simplified correspondence and email-only communication, DSS and CHRO refused to comply. This non-compliance became evident through continued procedural delays and inaccessible communication methods. CHRO's Refusal to Acknowledge Complaint: After filing a notarized complaint with CHRO on October 24, 2024, David discovered the agency's refusal to assign a case number or take any investigative action. Follow-ups on October 30, 2024, further confirmed CHRO's neglect of its statutory duties. Attorney General's Silence: Evidence submitted to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office on November 1, 2024, was met with complete inaction. David discovered the lack of accountability through the Attorney General's failure to respond to his submissions. Federal Inaction by DOJ and HHS OCR: Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, provided detailed documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic misconduct. The absence of follow-up or enforcement from these federal agencies highlighted their neglect. Obstructed FOIA Requests: DSS and CHRO failed to provide timely responses to FOIA requests, further obstructing David's efforts to obtain transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage and agency accountability. Through these events, David identified a coordinated pattern of retaliation, inaction, and systemic
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	discrimination, underscoring a deliberate effort to suppress his advocacy and whistleblower disclosures.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation of Abuse of Authority Documented Retaliation and Public Exclusion: DSS Forum Behavior: During ABI Waiver Program forums, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a disability advocate and whistleblower. This retaliation was witnessed by multiple attendees and documented in communication records. Exclusion from Decision-Making Processes: Despite being a key stakeholder and advocate for individuals with disabilities, David was systematically excluded from forums and denied opportunities to provide input on critical Medicaid policies. Failure to Investigate by CHRO: Despite filing a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and retaliation by DSS, CHRO refused to assign a case number or investigate the allegations. This failure to act highlights CHRO's abdication of its statutory responsibility to protect individuals from discrimination. Attorney General's Refusal to Act: On November 1, 2024, David submitted evidence of misconduct and retaliation to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office has failed to provide acknowledgment, initiate an investigation, or take any corrective action, enabling ongoing abuses. Pattern of ADA Non-Compliance: Multiple ADA accommodation requests, including email-only correspondence and accessible formats for communication, were systematically denied by DSS and CHRO. This lack of compliance demonstrates a deliberate effort to obstruct David's ability to participate meaningfully in governmental processes. FOIA Obstruction: David submitted FOIA requests to DSS and other agencies to obtain records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver Program policies. These requests were either ignored or delayed far beyond statutory deadlines, highlighting a pattern of intentional non-compliance and a lack of transparency. Federal Inaction and Neglect:



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	Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, were met with silence. Despite being provided with comprehensive evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of federal funds, federal agencies failed to investigate or enforce compliance. Exploitation of Disability: Agencies are fully aware of David's traumatic brain injury (TBI) and related cognitive challenges but have weaponized these vulnerabilities by creating procedural barriers, ignoring accommodation requests, and delaying responses. This exploitation underscores the systemic nature of the abuse. Medicaid Mismanagement Concerns: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly regarding the ABI Waiver Program, raises serious concerns about potential mismanagement or misuse of federal funds. The lack of transparency and retaliatory actions suggest an attempt to shield systemic inefficiencies from public scrutiny. Violation of Whistleblower Protections: David's disclosures of Medicaid mismanagem
Allegation	Danger to Public Health
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Individuals and Agencies Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Action: Failed to ensure that public health programs under its jurisdiction comply with ADA standards, particularly for individuals with disabilities accessing Medicaid and ABI Waiver services. Did not intervene or enforce oversight when systemic health access violations were reported. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Action: Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating his constitutional rights to free speech and equal participation. Obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid policies, ABI Waiver management, and whistleblower reports. Failed to provide legally mandated ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats and reasonable procedural modifications. Actively retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on Medicaid mismanagement and



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	systemic corruption. Connecticut Attorney General's Office Action: Ignored formal complaints and evidence of systemic failures, including ADA violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. Declined to intervene or enforce legal obligations despite the evidence provided, effectively enabling state agencies to continue discriminatory and retaliatory practices. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Action: Refused to assign a case number to David Medeiros' notarized discrimination complaint, obstructing access to justice. Failed to investigate ADA violations and retaliation claims, violating its statutory mandate to uphold anti-discrimination laws. Ignored follow-up communications requesting updates on the status of the complaint. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Action: Failed to enforce ADA compliance in federally funded Medicaid programs administered by Connecticut DSS. Did not investigate complaints of systemic discrimination or Medicaid mismanagement despite federal jurisdiction. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division Action: Neglected to act on formal complaints of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights infringements, despite its federal enforcement responsibilities. Allowed Connecticut agencies to continue operating without accountability for systemic misconduct. Federal Elected Officials (Senators and Representatives) Action: Did not advocate for or initiate federal oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid program or address the systemic discrimination and retaliation against whistleblowers. Summary of Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Systemic exclusion of David Medeiros from public forums and decision-making processes. Suppression of whistleblower allegations through procedural delays, inaction, and retaliation. Weaponization of David's brain injury by refusing ADA-mandated accommodations, effectively silencing his advocacy. Mismanagement of Medicaid funds and denial of transparen
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How did you discover this action?	David Medeiros uncovered these actions through personal experiences as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and Medicaid stakeholder. Key discoveries include: Direct Personal Experience: While engaging with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) as a whistleblower and advocate for the ABI Waiver Program, David directly experienced public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and systemic retaliation. Documented Evidence: David submitted formal complaints to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) and other agencies, only to receive no substantive responses or assigned case numbers, highlighting systemic failures. Procedural Barriers: Through attempts to obtain information via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and ADA accommodation requests, David encountered procedural delays, denials, and refusals to provide accessible formats. Patterns of Neglect and Retaliation: The lack of federal enforcement from agencies such as the DOJ and



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	HHS OCR revealed systemic inaction and a pattern of neglect, particularly against individuals with disabilities and whistleblowers. Community Feedback and Advocacy Efforts: David learned of similar patterns of exclusion and systemic failures from other whistleblowers, Medicaid recipients, and disability advocates, further corroborating his findings. These cumulative experiences and observations provided David with irrefutable evidence of systemic wrongdoing, gross mismanagement, and abuse of authority.
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? Documented Complaints and Correspondence: Multiple formal complaints were submitted to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of the Connecticut Attorney General, and federal agencies like the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR). These complaints document allegations of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers or investigate further substantiates a pattern of inaction. ADA Violations and Procedural Barriers: Agencies failed to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, such as email-only communication, simplified correspondence, and accessible formats. These violations demonstrate a deliberate disregard for federal disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). Retaliatory Actions: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluded him from critical discussions, and obstructed his access to essential records and accommodations. These retaliatory actions were intended to discredit David and suppress his advocacy. FOIA and Transparency Failures: David's FOIA requests seeking information on Medicaid fund usage, including ABI Waiver program details, were ignored or delayed, violating transparency laws under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Connecticut FOIA statutes (C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.).



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	Testimonies and Community Evidence: Accounts from other disability advocates, Medicaid recipients, and whistleblowers corroborate systemic issues within Connecticut's state agencies, particularly DSS and CHRO. Patterns of retaliation, neglect, and obstruction have been consistently reported. Systemic Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly in relation to the ABI Waiver Program, raises concerns about potential misuse or gross mismanagement of public funds intended to serve vulnerable populations. Federal Inaction and Knowledge of Disability: Federal agencies, including the DOJ and HHS OCR, were alerted to the systemic failures and retaliatory practices, but no substantive action has been taken. This inaction, despite full knowledge of David's traumatic brain injury and ADA-related needs, compounds the harm. Impact on Public Health and Safety: Neglecting ADA compliance and whistleblower protections undermines public trust, threatens the integrity of federally funded programs, and endangers Medicaid beneficiaries reliant on these services for health and safety. These facts collectively establish a pattern of systemic neglect, retaliation, and corruption within Connecticut state agencies and the failure of federal oversight bodies to intervene effectively.
Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? The individuals and entities listed above engaged in actions or failed to act in ways that facilitated or perpetuated gross waste of public funds. Specifically: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Improper Use of Medicaid Funds: Failed to allocate Medicaid funds appropriately within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Funds intended for critical care were mismanaged, diverted, or left unaccounted for. Neglected oversight of contracts and services provided to vulnerable populations, resulting in inefficiencies, waste, and potentially fraudulent activity. Inadequate Financial Reporting: Deliberately delayed or withheld accurate financial



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	reports related to Medicaid expenditures, violating transparency and federal compliance obligations. Failure to Conduct Internal Audits: Ignored requirements to investigate and audit financial practices within the ABI Waiver Program and other DSS-administered Medicaid services. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Approval of Questionable Allocations: Authorized state budgets and Medicaid expenditures without proper accountability mechanisms to track the use of funds. Failure to Address Known Inefficiencies: Despite financial distress and known concerns about Medicaid mismanagement, OPM failed to implement corrective measures to reduce waste or increase oversight. Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Inadequate Legislative Oversight: Failed to hold DSS accountable during budget reviews or Medicaid oversight hearings, enabling wasteful practices to continue unchecked. Refusal to Investigate Complaints: Ignored whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts highlighting systemic Medicaid mismanagement and wasteful spending. State Comptroller's Office: Failure to Monitor Spending: Did not ensure proper documentation or auditing of Medicaid disbursements, including those related to the ABI Waiver Program. Neglect of Transparency Requirements: Omitted mandatory public disclosures that would expose financial mismanagement. Federal Oversight Bodies: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failed to audit or investigate Connecticut's Medicaid program despite clear indicators of mismanagement. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Did not enforce federal requirements for accountability in state-administered Medicaid programs, allowing systemic waste to persist. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), HHS: Neglected its duty to investigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse in Connecticut's use of Medicaid funds, particularly those impacting vulnerable populations. Other Actions Taken: Retaliation Against Whistleblowers: Suppressed complaints and retaliated against individuals, including
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	David Medeiros, who attempted to expose wasteful practices or seek transparency. Deliberate Obfuscation of Records: Withheld or failed to provide critical financial documents and records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The gross waste of public funds by the listed individuals and entities occurred over an extended period, spanning several years. Key timeframes include: Ongoing Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds Mismanagement within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other Medicaid services has persisted for at least the past five years, with notable escalation from 2020 through 2024 as whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts exposed systemic issues. Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Retaliation against David Medeiros began following his whistleblower activities in 2022 and has continued through 2024. These actions coincided with: Reports submitted to Connecticut DSS regarding Medicaid mismanagement. Complaints filed with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) in 2023 and 2024. Failure of Oversight Bodies The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) failed to act on
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? David Medeiros, as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and founder of ABI Resources, uncovered these actions through firsthand involvement, research, and communication with affected populations. The following outlines how these actions were discovered: Direct Involvement in Advocacy and Reporting: As a Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver (ABI Waiver) provider, David observed consistent mismanagement, delays, and non-compliance with Medicaid policies, impacting vulnerable populations reliant on these services. His firsthand interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials revealed systemic failures in the administration of funds, refusal to provide transparency, and retaliatory practices against those raising concerns. Complaints Filed and



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	Ignored: After filing formal complaints with DSS, CHRO, and other state agencies, David noted repeated refusals to assign case numbers, investigate allegations, or address the reported issues, indicating procedural obstructions and systemic retaliation. Follow-ups with state and federal oversight bodies, including HHS OCR and DOJ, yielded no action, further exposing a coordinated effort to suppress whistleblowers. Testimonies from Affected Populations: Through his work with ABI Resources, David received testimonies from individuals and families, highlighting delayed Medicaid services, discriminatory practices, and inaccessible public forums for those with disabilities. These accounts confirmed widespread financial inefficiencies and administrative failures within state programs. Analysis of FOIA Responses and Obstructions: Requests for Medicaid fund records under FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) were delayed, denied, or inadequately addressed, further revealing the deliberate suppression of transparency regarding the misuse of federal and state funds. DSS and CHRO's refusal to provide complete, timely, and accurate information raised significant concerns about financial mismanagement. Patterns of Retaliation: Retaliation against David personally—including public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and denial of accommodations—demonstrated a coordinated effort to silence his whistleblower activities. Escalation to Federal Agencies: Escalation to DOJ and HHS OCR in 2023 and 2024 confirmed federal inaction despite substantial evidence of systemic violations, indicating complicit neglect or deferral of oversight.
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following additional facts substantiate the allegations of gross waste of funds, mismanagement, and retaliatory practices by Connecticut state agencies and the federal inaction that has allowed these violations to persist: Documented FOIA Non-Compliance and Withheld Records: Numerous FOIA requests filed with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and



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	other agencies remain unanswered, delayed, or improperly denied. Refusal to disclose Medicaid spending records and program oversight audits has raised concerns about the misallocation of funds and deliberate suppression of accountability. The lack of transparency violates FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) and creates a strong presumption of financial mismanagement. Patterns of Financial Irregularities in Medicaid Waiver Programs: Analysis of publicly available records and reports from Medicaid beneficiaries highlights delays and denials in services promised under the ABI Waiver Program, indicating misuse or diversion of federal funds. Families and individuals reliant on Medicaid services have reported prolonged processing times and inadequate resource allocation, suggesting systemic inefficiencies. Unaddressed Whistleblower Retaliation: David Medeiros faced public ridicule, exclusion, and retaliation for raising concerns about Medicaid mismanagement. These actions deter further scrutiny of DSS's practices and reinforce a culture of impunity. State agencies have ignored whistleblower protections outlined in the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302), further preventing transparency. Testimonies from Affected Individuals: Accounts from Medicaid beneficiaries and families describe delays in essential healthcare services and unexplained denials of claims, which directly contradict the program's intended purpose and funding requirements. Repeated Procedural Obstructions: DSS's refusal to issue detailed responses to formal complaints and case filings obstructs accountability efforts. The CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers prevents investigations into discrimination and non-compliance with ADA standards. Attorney General's Office inaction demonstrates systemic neglect, enabling DSS to continue its harmful practices unchecked. Expert Reports and Audits Ignored: Calls for independent audits of DSS's Medicaid programs have been ignored or dismissed, raising concerns about financial mismanagement and failure to adhere to federal funding regulations. Violation
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	of Federal Oversight Obligations: Federal agencies, including HHS OCR and the DOJ, have failed to enforce ADA compliance or investigate allegations of systemic corruption, allowing ongoing violations to harm vulnerable populations. Exploitation of Disability Challenges: David Medeiros, a brain injury survivor, has faced procedural barriers intentionally designed to exploit his cognitive challenges, such as refusal to provide accessible communication formats or simplified processes requ
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Kristen	Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division:	Assistant Attorney General: Kristen Clarke Directly oversees enforcement of civil rights laws, inclu
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Director:	Responsible for enforcing ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act within federally funded heal
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Office of the Attorney General:	Primary legal officer for Connecticut, responsible for ensuring state agencies comply with constitut
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Oversees Medicaid administration and implementation of programs



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		(DSS): Commissioner:	such as the ABI Waiver, directly tie
Tanya A. Hughes	Tanya A. Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Executive Director:	Investigates discrimination complaints, including ADA violations, but has shown inaction in your cas
Henry J. Kerner	Henry J. Kerner	U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC): Special Counsel:	Investigates whistleblower retaliation and reports of government wrongdoing.
Julie Su	Julie Su	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):	Responsible for oversight of workplace ADA compliance and protections for individuals with disabilit
Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator:	Responsible for federal oversight of Medicaid programs, including ensuring state compliance with fed
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	Governor of Connecticut:	The executive authority overseeing state agencies, including DSS and CHRO, with the power to order r
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH):	Ensures state compliance with health-related ADA requirements and public health safety.
Gary Winfield	Gary Winfield	Connecticut General Assembly, Judiciary Committee:	Legislative oversight for state agency practices, including transparency, civil rights compliance, a



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Andrés J. Gallegos	Andrés J. Gallegos	National Council on Disability (NCD): Chair:	Federal agency advising the President and Congress on disability policies, including ADA compliance
Alina M. Semo	Alina M. Semo	Office of Government Information Services (OGIS): Director:	Mediates FOIA disputes and ensures transparency in government operations.
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	Investigates misuse of federal funds and systemic inefficiencies in federally funded programs like M
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor
Jeffrey Beckham	Jeffrey Beckham	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Secretary	Oversees budget and funding allocation, including Medicaid funds. Negligence or failure to ensure pr
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner
Colleen M. Murphy	Colleen M. Murphy	Executive Director and General Counsel	Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC):



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Martin M. Looney	Martin M. Looney	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Senate President Pro Tempore	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Matthew Ritter	Matthew Ritter	House Speaker	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator
Charlotte Burrows	Charlotte Burrows	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Chair
Henry Kerner	Henry Kerner	Office of Special Counsel (OSC):	ederal oversight for whistleblower complaints. If whistleblower disclosures were ignored or mishandl
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General
Christi A. Grimm	Christi A. Grimm	Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services:	OIG is tasked with investigating fraud, waste, and abuse in federally funded programs like Medicaid.



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		Inspector General	
Deidre S. Gifford	Deidre S. Gifford	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Oversaw the agency's discriminatory practices, denial of ADA accommodations, and retaliatory actions
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Failed to ensure the investigation of complaints, neglected to assign case numbers, and ignored stat
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General	Ignored evidence of systemic failures and violations, failing to intervene or hold DSS and CHRO acco
Merrick B. Garland	Merrick B. Garland	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Neglected oversight responsibilities related to ADA compliance within Medicaid-funded programs.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Role: Allowed systemic Medicaid mismanagement and misuse of federal funds without intervention.
Lisa J. Pino	Lisa J. Pino	Director, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), HHS	Failed to enforce ADA compliance and investigate systemic discrimination and retaliatory practices w



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Manisha Juthani, MD	Manisha Juthani, MD	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)	Oversees public health policies and programs, potentially involved in Medicaid oversight and ADA com
Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
William Tong	William Tong	Attorney General, State of Connecticut	Legal oversight of state agencies, failed to act on documented violations and complaints
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Robyn M. Colosimo	Robyn M. Colosimo	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)
Richard Blumenthal	Richard Blumenthal	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for federal investigations and legislative oversight of state misconduct.
Chris Murphy	Chris Murphy	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for ensuring ADA compliance and whistleblower protections.
Rosa DeLauro	Rosa DeLauro	U.S. Representative, Connecticut's 3rd District	Focus on federal Medicaid and social services programs.
Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS
Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS
Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO
William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut



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		General, Connecticut	
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division
Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut
Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):
Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):



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Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Responsible for approving state Medicaid budgets and reforms.
Rob Kane	Rob Kane	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
John C. Geragosian	John C. Geragosian	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
Sean Scanlon	Sean Scanlon	State Comptroller	Monitors DSS Medicaid-related expenditures and financial reporting.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Responsible for monitoring Medicaid mismanagement in Connecticut.
Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Comptroller General of the United States	Leads federal reviews of wasteful practices involving Medicaid funds.
Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Conducts investigations into Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.
Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Enforces whistleblower protection for those reporting waste or mismanagement.



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Request for Federal Representation and Protection to Restore Constitutional Rights
To the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC):

This complaint requires immediate federal representation to protect David Medeiros, a whistleblower, taxpayer advocate, and person with a disability, whose constitutional rights have been systematically violated by Connecticut state agencies. The federal government must act decisively to ensure that David's rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as well as federal statutes like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Whistleblower Protection Act, are restored and protected.

Specific Actions Requested for Representation and Protection

Immediate Federal Representation

Federal Counsel Appointment: Appoint a federally funded attorney or representative to ensure David's constitutional rights are fully protected and enforced.

Direct Oversight of Legal Proceedings: Federal representatives must oversee all ongoing interactions between David and Connecticut agencies to prevent further violations or retaliation.

Protection from Retaliation: Establish safeguards ensuring David is no longer subjected to exclusion, discrimination, or retaliatory actions by state agencies or officials.

Restoration of Constitutional Rights

First Amendment: Reinforce David's right to petition the government for redress of grievances without fear of retaliation or obstruction.

Fifth Amendment: Ensure due process protections are upheld, requiring transparent and timely responses to David's complaints and FOIA requests.

Fourteenth Amendment: Address systemic discrimination and ensure equal protection under the law, particularly as it pertains to David's disability and whistleblower status.

Mandate ADA Compliance and Accessibility

Guarantee Accommodations: Require Connecticut agencies to provide ADA-compliant accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified procedures, tailored to David's cognitive needs as a traumatic brain injury survivor.

Independent Audit of ADA Compliance: Conduct a federal audit of ADA adherence within Connecticut's federally funded programs, including DSS's administration of the ABI Waiver Program.



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Federal Oversight to Enforce Accountability

Assign a Federal Monitor: Appoint an independent federal monitor to oversee the actions of Connecticut agencies, ensuring compliance with constitutional and statutory obligations.

Investigate Retaliatory Practices: Launch a federal investigation into retaliatory actions by Connecticut state officials against David Medeiros, holding violators accountable.

Restorative Justice for David Medeiros

Public Acknowledgment: Require Connecticut agencies to publicly acknowledge their violations of David's rights and take corrective action.

Financial Restitution: Compensate David for the personal, professional, and financial harm caused by the systemic violations and retaliatory practices.

Reinstatement of Advocacy Rights: Ensure David's ability to advocate for vulnerable populations, including individuals with disabilities, is fully restored without obstruction or exclusion.

Set a National Precedent

Protect All Whistleblowers: Use David's case to establish stronger federal protections for whistleblowers, ensuring no individual faces similar violations or retaliation in the future.

Strengthen Constitutional Safeguards: Reinforce federal mechanisms to prevent states from undermining constitutional and civil rights.

Systemic Reform Across States: Mandate reforms ensuring all states comply with federal laws protecting taxpayers, individuals with disabilities, and whistleblowers.

Conclusion

David Medeiros has endured severe constitutional violations, systemic discrimination, and targeted retaliation as a whistleblower and disability advocate. The federal government has a moral and legal obligation to represent and protect him, ensuring that his rights are fully restored and upheld.

By providing federal representation and enforcing constitutional and statutory protections, OSC can not only deliver justice for David but also set an enduring example for safeguarding the rights of all Americans, particularly those most vulnerable to systemic failures.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:



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Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Address:

Email Address:

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a. **What is the status of the matter?**

NOTE: MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

It is the general policy of OSC not to transmit allegations of wrongdoing to the head of the agency involved if the agency's Office of Inspector General has fully investigated, or is currently investigating, the same allegations.

ATTACHMENTS

Please note that the space available for attachments is limited. Therefore, DO NOT attach every document and email that may be relevant to your claim. You will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date. We recommend limiting attachments to official forms and correspondence that document the action(s) at issue in your disclosure if these documents are relevant to your allegations.

I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Federal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 11.28.2024 .pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 .PDF
10.24.2024 DOJ complaint Submission complete.pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 (1).PDF
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Office phone: No

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Information about representative, if applicable.

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Agency:* Office Of The Inspector General

Agency subcomponent: Office of the Inspector General (OIG) For DOJ: Disability Rights
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City: Washington

State: DC

Zip Code: 20201

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Title	Series	Grade

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Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Involved Parties 1. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): - Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating ADA and First Amendment protections. - Refused to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified processes. - Obstructed access to critical information about Medicaid programs, including ABI Waiver policies, in violation of FOIA. - Retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on systemic Medicaid mismanagement. 2. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): - Refused to assign a case number or investigate David's notarized complaint alleging ADA violations and discrimination by DSS. - Ignored follow-up inquiries regarding the status of the complaint, denying due process and perpetuating



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	discrimination. 3. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: • Failed to act on evidence submitted by David Medeiros regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's inaction. • Neglected its statutory duty to uphold constitutional and civil rights protections in Connecticut, effectively enabling systemic violations. 4. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: • Ignored David's formal complaints regarding ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic corruption within Connecticut's Medicaid program. • Failed to investigate or enforce federal protections, allowing violations to persist unchecked. 5. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): • Did not investigate systemic ADA violations in Connecticut's Medicaid program, despite clear evidence of non-compliance and harm to individuals with disabilities. 6. Connecticut Governor's Office: • Failed to intervene or provide oversight of DSS and CHRO despite being alerted to systemic violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. 7. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): • Did not enforce federal Medicaid oversight to ensure that Connecticut DSS complies with federal regulations and ADA mandates. Summary of Actions: • Exclusion: Agencies excluded David from forums and processes critical to his advocacy and whistleblower activities. • Retaliation: State and federal actors retaliated against David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement, violating whistleblower protections. • Non-Compliance: Agencies failed to uphold ADA requirements and constitutional rights, creating systemic barriers and procedural delays. • Neglect: Federal oversight bodies deferred action, enabling Connecticut agencies to act with impunity. Constitutional Violations and Crimes Committed 12. First Amendment Violations • Suppression of Petition Rights: By ignoring David Medeiros' complaints and failing to investigate or act on his claims, Connecticut state agencies and federal oversight bodies have
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	suppressed his constitutional right to petition the government for redress of grievances. • Retaliation Against Free Speech: Retaliatory actions, such a
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	Submission to DOJ David submitted a comprehensive complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), detailing ADA violations, constitutional breaches, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement by Connecticut agencies. Despite the urgency, the DOJ failed to initiate an investigation or enforce compliance. November 28, 2024 – Current Status CHRO: Refuses to assign a case number or act on David’s complaint, obstructing due process. Connecticut Attorney General: Has ignored all communications, abdicating responsibility for overseeing state agency compliance. DOJ: Has not taken substantive action to investigate federal violations or ensure ADA compliance. HHS OCR: Remains unresponsive despite its mandate to enforce ADA compliance and Medicaid program integrity. These violations and inactions have created a continuous pattern of systemic neglect and retaliation against David Medeiros, with no resolution or accountability to date. You said: 4. How did you discover this action? ChatGPT said: How the Action Was Discovered David Medeiros, as a whistleblower and disability advocate, discovered the actions through direct personal experience and documentation, which include: Personal Experience with Discrimination and Retaliation David experienced firsthand acts of exclusion, public ridicule, and procedural barriers during interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials. For example: He was excluded from critical discussions related to the ABI Waiver Program. He was subjected to public ridicule during forums, despite being a known advocate for individuals with disabilities and a whistleblower exposing Medicaid mismanagement. Documented Failures of State Agencies David submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) detailing ADA violations and retaliation. However, CHRO failed to acknowledge the complaint, assign a case number, or investigate the allegations, creating procedural obstacles. Evidence of Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General Despite
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	escalating the matter and providing comprehensive evidence of systemic failure
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation Documented Failures by State Agencies Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to: Assign a case number. Investigate the allegations. Provide any substantive acknowledgment or response, violating its statutory mandate to investigate discrimination complaints. This procedural inaction obstructs justice and denies David's right to due process. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Retaliation: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David during ABI Waiver forums and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a whistleblower and disability advocate. DSS has refused to provide reasonable ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats (e.g., email-only correspondence), in direct violation of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Despite receiving evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and Medicaid mismanagement, the Attorney General's Office failed to investigate or respond, abdicating its responsibility to enforce state and federal laws. Federal Oversight Failures: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) were notified of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional breaches in November 2024. Despite this, no federal investigations or enforcement actions have been initiated, perpetuating state agency misconduct. Evidence of ADA Non-Compliance: DSS repeatedly refused David's requests for ADA-compliant communication, such as screen-reader-compatible documents and simplified processes, exacerbating the challenges he faces as a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor. Mismanagement of Public Funds: DSS has



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	obstructed transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage, particularly funds allocated to the ABI Waiver Program. This raises significant concerns about potential misuse or mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Exploitation of Disability: State and federal officials are aware of David's brain injury and cognitive challenges, yet they have exploited his disability by creating procedural barriers and denying accommodations, effectively excluding him from advocacy and justice processes. Pattern of Systemic Corruption and Retaliation: Agencies at both the state and federal levels have demonstrated a clear pattern of protecting their leadership and shielding systemic inefficiencies, corruption, and discrimination, rather than addressing legitimate complaints. By refusing to act on whistleblower disclosures, these agencies have enabled misconduct, eroded public trust, and fostered an environment where accountability is absent. Violation of Transparency Laws: DSS and CHRO have failed to comply with Freedom of Information
Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	The listed individuals and entities engaged in or facilitated actions that collectively constitute systemic violations of constitutional rights, ADA non-compliance, whistleblower retaliation, and mismanagement of public funds. These actions include: 1. Suppression of Whistleblower Rights and Retaliation DSS (Connecticut Department of Social Services): Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros from critical forums related to Medicaid and the ABI Waiver Program. Obstructed David's advocacy efforts by withholding ADA-mandated accommodations, such as accessible communication formats and email-only correspondence. Refused to provide requested records or updates, effectively silencing his whistleblowing efforts and suppressing public accountability. CHRO (Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities): Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized complaint, delaying and obstructing justice. Failed to investigate claims of systemic discrimination and retaliation, despite statutory



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	mandates. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Ignored multiple submissions of evidence regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's failure to act. Failed to intervene or provide oversight to enforce transparency, ADA compliance, and whistleblower protections. 2. Violations of ADA Protections and Disability Rights DSS: Denied reasonable accommodations to David Medeiros, a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor, making it impossible for him to meaningfully participate in public processes. Weaponized David's disability by exploiting his cognitive challenges to create procedural delays, obstruct communication, and undermine his advocacy. CHRO: Failed to enforce ADA and anti-discrimination statutes by not investigating documented violations or taking any corrective actions. Federal Agencies (DOJ, HHS OCR, CMS): Neglected oversight responsibilities to ensure ADA compliance and accessibility in Connecticut's Medicaid program, enabling DSS to continue discriminatory practices unchecked. 3. Mismanagement of Public Funds and Lack of Transparency DSS: Withheld public records related to Medicaid fund allocations, including the ABI Waiver Program, violating FOIA and state transparency laws. Mismanaged Medicaid resources by failing to meet federal ADA standards while continuing to receive federal funding. Federal Agencies (CMS, HHS OCR): Failed to audit or investigate the misuse of Medicaid funds in Connecticut, despite whistleblower complaints highlighting systemic issues. 4. Abuse of Authority and Gross Mismanagement Connecticut Leadership (OPM, Governor's Office): Allowed systemic failures in oversight and enforcement by not addressing persistent complaints of corruption, discrimination, and retaliation. Enabled DSS and CHRO's non-compliance with state and federal laws by failing to enact structural reforms. Federal Agencies (DOJ, OSC): Ignored whistleblower reports and failed to initiate investigations into Connecticut's systemic mismanagement of Medicaid and ADA violat
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When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), detailing ADA violations, systemic discrimination, and retaliation by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David requested a case number and an update on the status of his complaint. CHRO failed to respond or assign a case number, effectively obstructing the complaint process. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General David submitted evidence and documentation to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, requesting oversight and intervention to address systemic misconduct by DSS and CHRO. The Attorney General's Office ignored the submission and failed to act. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to DOJ David submitted a detailed whistleblower complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), highlighting ADA violations, FOIA non-compliance
How did you discover this action?	Discovery of Actions David Medeiros discovered these actions through firsthand experience and documented interactions with the involved parties. The following key events and observations provided evidence of the actions taken against him: Refusal to Assign a Case Number by CHRO After submitting a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, David received no acknowledgment or case number, despite following up multiple times. The lack of response signaled procedural obstruction and a failure to fulfill CHRO's statutory obligations. Exclusion and Ridicule by DSS During public forums related to the ABI Waiver Program, DSS officials publicly ridiculed and excluded David, creating a hostile environment for his advocacy. Witnesses corroborated these incidents, providing evidence of discriminatory practices. Ignored Submissions to the Attorney General's Office Despite submitting detailed evidence of DSS and CHRO misconduct to the Attorney General on November 1, 2024, no acknowledgment or action was taken. This



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	inaction became apparent when repeated attempts to follow up were ignored. Federal Oversight Failures Complaints to the DOJ and HHS OCR, submitted on November 10, 2024, included comprehensive documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. The absence of substantive action or follow-up from these federal agencies revealed a broader pattern of neglect and inaction. FOIA and ADA Compliance Failures Requests for ADA-compliant communication and public records related to Medicaid funds and the ABI Waiver Program were either ignored or obstructed. These failures were documented through email exchanges, unanswered requests, and a lack of transparent processes. Each discovery is supported by correspondence records, witness testimony, and David's detailed documentation of the systemic barriers and retaliatory practices he encountered. These actions collectively indicate deliberate neglect and systemic discrimination.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegations Documented Retaliation and Exclusion by DSS: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, as corroborated by witnesses and documented in communications. These actions created a hostile environment, directly impeding his ability to advocate for Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities. DSS failed to provide reasonable accommodations under the ADA, including email-only correspondence and simplified processes, despite David's documented cognitive challenges as a brain injury survivor. CHRO's Failure to Investigate: Despite submitting a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, and multiple follow-up communications, CHRO refused to assign a case number or initiate an investigation, violating its statutory obligation to investigate discrimination complaints. CHRO's inaction effectively denied David due process and equal protection under the law, prolonging systemic discrimination and retaliation. Attorney General's Office Inaction: Submissions to the Connecticut Attorney



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	General included detailed evidence of DSS's ADA violations and whistleblower retaliation. Despite the compelling nature of the evidence, the office failed to respond, investigate, or intervene. This neglect demonstrates a disregard for its duty to ensure state agency compliance with federal and state laws. Federal Oversight Failures (DOJ and HHS OCR): The Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights at HHS were notified of systemic ADA violations, misuse of Medicaid funds, and whistleblower retaliation. Despite comprehensive documentation, neither agency initiated a substantive investigation or provided updates. Federal inaction perpetuates the culture of impunity within Connecticut's state agencies. FOIA and Transparency Failures: DSS obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver operations, despite FOIA and state FOIA laws mandating timely responses. Requests for ADA-compliant documents and communication were ignored, compounding David's inability to access critical information. Pattern of Systemic Neglect and Corruption: Connecticut's financial reliance on Medicaid creates an incentive to suppress transparency and accountability. The refusal to investigate whistleblower complaints, accommodate disabilities, or ensure compliance highlights a coordinated effort to shield systemic mismanagement. David Medeiros' Vulnerability as a Brain Injury Survivor: Agencies weaponized David's cognitive challenges to create procedural barriers, delay responses, and obstruct justice, further exacerbating the discrimination and retaliation he faced. The refusal to accommodate his needs constitutes a violation of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act, underscoring the systemic failure to protect vulnerable individuals. Summary of Supporting Evidence: Witness testimony from public forums and interactions with DSS officials. Documentation of corresponden
Allegation	Abuse of Authority



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What action did they take?	Actions Taken: Abuse of Authority State-Level Actions Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Public Ridicule and Exclusion: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluding him from discussions critical to Medicaid policy and decision-making. Denial of ADA Accommodations: Refused to provide accessible communication methods, such as email-only correspondence and simplified procedural guidelines, despite documented cognitive challenges from a brain injury. Obstruction of Records Requests: Failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, withheld critical Medicaid documentation, and ignored whistleblower complaints. Retaliation for Whistleblowing: Took retaliatory actions, such as exclusion from forums and non-response to inquiries, after David exposed Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Failure to Investigate: Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized ADA complaint, preventing any investigation into DSS's discriminatory practices. Neglect of Statutory Duties: Ignored repeated follow-up requests for updates on the complaint, effectively obstructing access to justice. Complicity in Discrimination: Enabled DSS's retaliatory actions by failing to act on clear evidence of discrimination and ADA non-compliance. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Neglect of Oversight Responsibilities: Failed to address or intervene in systemic violations by DSS and CHRO, despite receiving substantial evidence of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights breaches. Shielding State Agencies: Refused to investigate or hold state officials accountable for their misconduct. Federal-Level Actions Department of Justice (DOJ): Failure to Act: Ignored complaints highlighting systemic ADA violations, retaliation against a whistleblower, and constitutional breaches in state-run programs. Deferred Oversight: Allowed Connecticut agencies to operate with impunity by deferring accountability to state authorities.
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	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Neglect of ADA Oversight: Failed to enforce ADA compliance within federally funded Medicaid programs despite clear evidence of systemic violations. Lack of Enforcement by OCR: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) failed to investigate systemic discrimination within Medicaid programs and the actions of DSS. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failure to Address Mismanagement: Neglected to audit or address Medicaid mismanagement under the ABI Waiver Program, enabling further misuse of federal funds and harm to vulnerable populations. Permitting Retaliation: Did not intervene to protect whistleblowers exposing Medicaid corruption. Key Themes of Abuse of Authority: Systemic Retaliation: Agencies targeted David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption, denying him access to justice and public forums. Weaponized Bureaucr
When did this occur?	Timeline of Occurrence: Abuse of Authority Key Dates and Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint: David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to assign a case number or acknowledge the complaint. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO: David contacted CHRO requesting an update and reiterating the need for a case number. No substantive response or acknowledgment was provided. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General: Submitted evidence to the Attorney General's Office highlighting DSS's retaliatory actions, ADA violations, and CHRO's inaction. The Attorney General ignored the submission and took no steps to address the complaints. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to Federal Agencies: Detailed complaints submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR), citing whistleblower retaliation, ADA non-compl
How did you discover this action?	How This Action Was Discovered David Medeiros discovered the retaliatory actions and discriminatory



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	practices through his direct interactions with state agencies, including CHRO, DSS, and the Attorney General's Office. These interactions were marked by deliberate inaction, procedural barriers, and public exclusion. Key discoveries include: Retaliatory Actions at Public Forums: During ABI Waiver Program discussions, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David and excluded him from critical decision-making processes. These actions were directly observed and documented by David as clear attempts to undermine his advocacy efforts and credibility as a whistleblower. Failure to Respond to ADA Accommodation Requests: Despite repeated requests for reasonable ADA accommodations, including simplified correspondence and email-only communication, DSS and CHRO refused to comply. This non-compliance became evident through continued procedural delays and inaccessible communication methods. CHRO's Refusal to Acknowledge Complaint: After filing a notarized complaint with CHRO on October 24, 2024, David discovered the agency's refusal to assign a case number or take any investigative action. Follow-ups on October 30, 2024, further confirmed CHRO's neglect of its statutory duties. Attorney General's Silence: Evidence submitted to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office on November 1, 2024, was met with complete inaction. David discovered the lack of accountability through the Attorney General's failure to respond to his submissions. Federal Inaction by DOJ and HHS OCR: Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, provided detailed documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic misconduct. The absence of follow-up or enforcement from these federal agencies highlighted their neglect. Obstructed FOIA Requests: DSS and CHRO failed to provide timely responses to FOIA requests, further obstructing David's efforts to obtain transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage and agency accountability. Through these events, David identified a coordinated pattern of retaliation, inaction, and systemic
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	discrimination, underscoring a deliberate effort to suppress his advocacy and whistleblower disclosures.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation of Abuse of Authority Documented Retaliation and Public Exclusion: DSS Forum Behavior: During ABI Waiver Program forums, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a disability advocate and whistleblower. This retaliation was witnessed by multiple attendees and documented in communication records. Exclusion from Decision-Making Processes: Despite being a key stakeholder and advocate for individuals with disabilities, David was systematically excluded from forums and denied opportunities to provide input on critical Medicaid policies. Failure to Investigate by CHRO: Despite filing a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and retaliation by DSS, CHRO refused to assign a case number or investigate the allegations. This failure to act highlights CHRO's abdication of its statutory responsibility to protect individuals from discrimination. Attorney General's Refusal to Act: On November 1, 2024, David submitted evidence of misconduct and retaliation to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office has failed to provide acknowledgment, initiate an investigation, or take any corrective action, enabling ongoing abuses. Pattern of ADA Non-Compliance: Multiple ADA accommodation requests, including email-only correspondence and accessible formats for communication, were systematically denied by DSS and CHRO. This lack of compliance demonstrates a deliberate effort to obstruct David's ability to participate meaningfully in governmental processes. FOIA Obstruction: David submitted FOIA requests to DSS and other agencies to obtain records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver Program policies. These requests were either ignored or delayed far beyond statutory deadlines, highlighting a pattern of intentional non-compliance and a lack of transparency. Federal Inaction and Neglect:



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	Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, were met with silence. Despite being provided with comprehensive evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of federal funds, federal agencies failed to investigate or enforce compliance. Exploitation of Disability: Agencies are fully aware of David's traumatic brain injury (TBI) and related cognitive challenges but have weaponized these vulnerabilities by creating procedural barriers, ignoring accommodation requests, and delaying responses. This exploitation underscores the systemic nature of the abuse. Medicaid Mismanagement Concerns: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly regarding the ABI Waiver Program, raises serious concerns about potential mismanagement or misuse of federal funds. The lack of transparency and retaliatory actions suggest an attempt to shield systemic inefficiencies from public scrutiny. Violation of Whistleblower Protections: David's disclosures of Medicaid mismanagement
Allegation	Danger to Public Health
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Individuals and Agencies Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Action: Failed to ensure that public health programs under its jurisdiction comply with ADA standards, particularly for individuals with disabilities accessing Medicaid and ABI Waiver services. Did not intervene or enforce oversight when systemic health access violations were reported. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Action: Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating his constitutional rights to free speech and equal participation. Obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid policies, ABI Waiver management, and whistleblower reports. Failed to provide legally mandated ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats and reasonable procedural modifications. Actively retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on Medicaid mismanagement and



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	systemic corruption. Connecticut Attorney General's Office Action: Ignored formal complaints and evidence of systemic failures, including ADA violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. Declined to intervene or enforce legal obligations despite the evidence provided, effectively enabling state agencies to continue discriminatory and retaliatory practices. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Action: Refused to assign a case number to David Medeiros' notarized discrimination complaint, obstructing access to justice. Failed to investigate ADA violations and retaliation claims, violating its statutory mandate to uphold anti-discrimination laws. Ignored follow-up communications requesting updates on the status of the complaint. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Action: Failed to enforce ADA compliance in federally funded Medicaid programs administered by Connecticut DSS. Did not investigate complaints of systemic discrimination or Medicaid mismanagement despite federal jurisdiction. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division Action: Neglected to act on formal complaints of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights infringements, despite its federal enforcement responsibilities. Allowed Connecticut agencies to continue operating without accountability for systemic misconduct. Federal Elected Officials (Senators and Representatives) Action: Did not advocate for or initiate federal oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid program or address the systemic discrimination and retaliation against whistleblowers. Summary of Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Systemic exclusion of David Medeiros from public forums and decision-making processes. Suppression of whistleblower allegations through procedural delays, inaction, and retaliation. Weaponization of David's brain injury by refusing ADA-mandated accommodations, effectively silencing his advocacy. Mismanagement of Medicaid funds and denial of transparen
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When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) regarding ADA violations, discrimination, and retaliation by DSS. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David followed up with CHRO to request a case number and a status update on his complaint. CHRO failed to respond or provide the requested case number. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General's Office David submitted evidence and a formal appeal to the Connecticut Attorney General, outlining DSS misconduct, CHRO inaction, and systemic ADA violations. The Attorney General ignored this submission. November 10, 2024 – Complaint Escalation to Federal Agencies David submitted formal complaints to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These complaints detailed ADA violations,
How did you discover this action?	David Medeiros uncovered these actions through personal experiences as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and Medicaid stakeholder. Key discoveries include: Direct Personal Experience: While engaging with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) as a whistleblower and advocate for the ABI Waiver Program, David directly experienced public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and systemic retaliation. Documented Evidence: David submitted formal complaints to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) and other agencies, only to receive no substantive responses or assigned case numbers, highlighting systemic failures. Procedural Barriers: Through attempts to obtain information via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and ADA accommodation requests, David encountered procedural delays, denials, and refusals to provide accessible formats. Patterns of Neglect and Retaliation: The lack of federal enforcement from agencies such as the DOJ and



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	HHS OCR revealed systemic inaction and a pattern of neglect, particularly against individuals with disabilities and whistleblowers. Community Feedback and Advocacy Efforts: David learned of similar patterns of exclusion and systemic failures from other whistleblowers, Medicaid recipients, and disability advocates, further corroborating his findings. These cumulative experiences and observations provided David with irrefutable evidence of systemic wrongdoing, gross mismanagement, and abuse of authority.
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? Documented Complaints and Correspondence: Multiple formal complaints were submitted to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of the Connecticut Attorney General, and federal agencies like the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR). These complaints document allegations of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers or investigate further substantiates a pattern of inaction. ADA Violations and Procedural Barriers: Agencies failed to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, such as email-only communication, simplified correspondence, and accessible formats. These violations demonstrate a deliberate disregard for federal disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). Retaliatory Actions: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluded him from critical discussions, and obstructed his access to essential records and accommodations. These retaliatory actions were intended to discredit David and suppress his advocacy. FOIA and Transparency Failures: David's FOIA requests seeking information on Medicaid fund usage, including ABI Waiver program details, were ignored or delayed, violating transparency laws under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Connecticut FOIA statutes (C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.).



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	Testimonies and Community Evidence: Accounts from other disability advocates, Medicaid recipients, and whistleblowers corroborate systemic issues within Connecticut's state agencies, particularly DSS and CHRO. Patterns of retaliation, neglect, and obstruction have been consistently reported. Systemic Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly in relation to the ABI Waiver Program, raises concerns about potential misuse or gross mismanagement of public funds intended to serve vulnerable populations. Federal Inaction and Knowledge of Disability: Federal agencies, including the DOJ and HHS OCR, were alerted to the systemic failures and retaliatory practices, but no substantive action has been taken. This inaction, despite full knowledge of David's traumatic brain injury and ADA-related needs, compounds the harm. Impact on Public Health and Safety: Neglecting ADA compliance and whistleblower protections undermines public trust, threatens the integrity of federally funded programs, and endangers Medicaid beneficiaries reliant on these services for health and safety. These facts collectively establish a pattern of systemic neglect, retaliation, and corruption within Connecticut state agencies and the failure of federal oversight bodies to intervene effectively.
Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? The individuals and entities listed above engaged in actions or failed to act in ways that facilitated or perpetuated gross waste of public funds. Specifically: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Improper Use of Medicaid Funds: Failed to allocate Medicaid funds appropriately within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Funds intended for critical care were mismanaged, diverted, or left unaccounted for. Neglected oversight of contracts and services provided to vulnerable populations, resulting in inefficiencies, waste, and potentially fraudulent activity. Inadequate Financial Reporting: Deliberately delayed or withheld accurate financial



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	reports related to Medicaid expenditures, violating transparency and federal compliance obligations. Failure to Conduct Internal Audits: Ignored requirements to investigate and audit financial practices within the ABI Waiver Program and other DSS-administered Medicaid services. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Approval of Questionable Allocations: Authorized state budgets and Medicaid expenditures without proper accountability mechanisms to track the use of funds. Failure to Address Known Inefficiencies: Despite financial distress and known concerns about Medicaid mismanagement, OPM failed to implement corrective measures to reduce waste or increase oversight. Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Inadequate Legislative Oversight: Failed to hold DSS accountable during budget reviews or Medicaid oversight hearings, enabling wasteful practices to continue unchecked. Refusal to Investigate Complaints: Ignored whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts highlighting systemic Medicaid mismanagement and wasteful spending. State Comptroller's Office: Failure to Monitor Spending: Did not ensure proper documentation or auditing of Medicaid disbursements, including those related to the ABI Waiver Program. Neglect of Transparency Requirements: Omitted mandatory public disclosures that would expose financial mismanagement. Federal Oversight Bodies: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failed to audit or investigate Connecticut's Medicaid program despite clear indicators of mismanagement. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Did not enforce federal requirements for accountability in state-administered Medicaid programs, allowing systemic waste to persist. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), HHS: Neglected its duty to investigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse in Connecticut's use of Medicaid funds, particularly those impacting vulnerable populations. Other Actions Taken: Retaliation Against Whistleblowers: Suppressed complaints and retaliated against individuals, including
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	David Medeiros, who attempted to expose wasteful practices or seek transparency. Deliberate Obfuscation of Records: Withheld or failed to provide critical financial documents and records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The gross waste of public funds by the listed individuals and entities occurred over an extended period, spanning several years. Key timeframes include: Ongoing Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds Mismanagement within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other Medicaid services has persisted for at least the past five years, with notable escalation from 2020 through 2024 as whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts exposed systemic issues. Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Retaliation against David Medeiros began following his whistleblower activities in 2022 and has continued through 2024. These actions coincided with: Reports submitted to Connecticut DSS regarding Medicaid mismanagement. Complaints filed with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) in 2023 and 2024. Failure of Oversight Bodies The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) failed to act on
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? David Medeiros, as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and founder of ABI Resources, uncovered these actions through firsthand involvement, research, and communication with affected populations. The following outlines how these actions were discovered: Direct Involvement in Advocacy and Reporting: As a Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver (ABI Waiver) provider, David observed consistent mismanagement, delays, and non-compliance with Medicaid policies, impacting vulnerable populations reliant on these services. His firsthand interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials revealed systemic failures in the administration of funds, refusal to provide transparency, and retaliatory practices against those raising concerns. Complaints Filed and



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	Ignored: After filing formal complaints with DSS, CHRO, and other state agencies, David noted repeated refusals to assign case numbers, investigate allegations, or address the reported issues, indicating procedural obstructions and systemic retaliation. Follow-ups with state and federal oversight bodies, including HHS OCR and DOJ, yielded no action, further exposing a coordinated effort to suppress whistleblowers. Testimonies from Affected Populations: Through his work with ABI Resources, David received testimonies from individuals and families, highlighting delayed Medicaid services, discriminatory practices, and inaccessible public forums for those with disabilities. These accounts confirmed widespread financial inefficiencies and administrative failures within state programs. Analysis of FOIA Responses and Obstructions: Requests for Medicaid fund records under FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) were delayed, denied, or inadequately addressed, further revealing the deliberate suppression of transparency regarding the misuse of federal and state funds. DSS and CHRO's refusal to provide complete, timely, and accurate information raised significant concerns about financial mismanagement. Patterns of Retaliation: Retaliation against David personally—including public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and denial of accommodations—demonstrated a coordinated effort to silence his whistleblower activities. Escalation to Federal Agencies: Escalation to DOJ and HHS OCR in 2023 and 2024 confirmed federal inaction despite substantial evidence of systemic violations, indicating complicit neglect or deferral of oversight.
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following additional facts substantiate the allegations of gross waste of funds, mismanagement, and retaliatory practices by Connecticut state agencies and the federal inaction that has allowed these violations to persist: Documented FOIA Non-Compliance and Withheld Records: Numerous FOIA requests filed with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and



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	other agencies remain unanswered, delayed, or improperly denied. Refusal to disclose Medicaid spending records and program oversight audits has raised concerns about the misallocation of funds and deliberate suppression of accountability. The lack of transparency violates FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) and creates a strong presumption of financial mismanagement. Patterns of Financial Irregularities in Medicaid Waiver Programs: Analysis of publicly available records and reports from Medicaid beneficiaries highlights delays and denials in services promised under the ABI Waiver Program, indicating misuse or diversion of federal funds. Families and individuals reliant on Medicaid services have reported prolonged processing times and inadequate resource allocation, suggesting systemic inefficiencies. Unaddressed Whistleblower Retaliation: David Medeiros faced public ridicule, exclusion, and retaliation for raising concerns about Medicaid mismanagement. These actions deter further scrutiny of DSS's practices and reinforce a culture of impunity. State agencies have ignored whistleblower protections outlined in the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302), further preventing transparency. Testimonies from Affected Individuals: Accounts from Medicaid beneficiaries and families describe delays in essential healthcare services and unexplained denials of claims, which directly contradict the program's intended purpose and funding requirements. Repeated Procedural Obstructions: DSS's refusal to issue detailed responses to formal complaints and case filings obstructs accountability efforts. The CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers prevents investigations into discrimination and non-compliance with ADA standards. Attorney General's Office inaction demonstrates systemic neglect, enabling DSS to continue its harmful practices unchecked. Expert Reports and Audits Ignored: Calls for independent audits of DSS's Medicaid programs have been ignored or dismissed, raising concerns about financial mismanagement and failure to adhere to federal funding regulations. Violation
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	of Federal Oversight Obligations: Federal agencies, including HHS OCR and the DOJ, have failed to enforce ADA compliance or investigate allegations of systemic corruption, allowing ongoing violations to harm vulnerable populations. Exploitation of Disability Challenges: David Medeiros, a brain injury survivor, has faced procedural barriers intentionally designed to exploit his cognitive challenges, such as refusal to provide accessible communication formats or simplified processes requ
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Kristen	Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division:	Assistant Attorney General: Kristen Clarke Directly oversees enforcement of civil rights laws, inclu
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Director:	Responsible for enforcing ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act within federally funded heal
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Office of the Attorney General:	Primary legal officer for Connecticut, responsible for ensuring state agencies comply with constitut
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Oversees Medicaid administration and implementation of programs



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		(DSS): Commissioner:	such as the ABI Waiver, directly tie
Tanya A. Hughes	Tanya A. Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Executive Director:	Investigates discrimination complaints, including ADA violations, but has shown inaction in your cas
Henry J. Kerner	Henry J. Kerner	U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC): Special Counsel:	Investigates whistleblower retaliation and reports of government wrongdoing.
Julie Su	Julie Su	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):	Responsible for oversight of workplace ADA compliance and protections for individuals with disabilit
Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator:	Responsible for federal oversight of Medicaid programs, including ensuring state compliance with fed
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	Governor of Connecticut:	The executive authority overseeing state agencies, including DSS and CHRO, with the power to order r
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH):	Ensures state compliance with health-related ADA requirements and public health safety.
Gary Winfield	Gary Winfield	Connecticut General Assembly, Judiciary Committee:	Legislative oversight for state agency practices, including transparency, civil rights compliance, a



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Andrés J. Gallegos	Andrés J. Gallegos	National Council on Disability (NCD): Chair:	Federal agency advising the President and Congress on disability policies, including ADA compliance
Alina M. Semo	Alina M. Semo	Office of Government Information Services (OGIS): Director:	Mediates FOIA disputes and ensures transparency in government operations.
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	Investigates misuse of federal funds and systemic inefficiencies in federally funded programs like M
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor
Jeffrey Beckham	Jeffrey Beckham	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Secretary	Oversees budget and funding allocation, including Medicaid funds. Negligence or failure to ensure pr
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner
Colleen M. Murphy	Colleen M. Murphy	Executive Director and General Counsel	Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC):



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Martin M. Looney	Martin M. Looney	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Senate President Pro Tempore	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Matthew Ritter	Matthew Ritter	House Speaker	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator
Charlotte Burrows	Charlotte Burrows	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Chair
Henry Kerner	Henry Kerner	Office of Special Counsel (OSC):	ederal oversight for whistleblower complaints. If whistleblower disclosures were ignored or mishandl
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General
Christi A. Grimm	Christi A. Grimm	Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services:	OIG is tasked with investigating fraud, waste, and abuse in federally funded programs like Medicaid.



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		Inspector General	
Deidre S. Gifford	Deidre S. Gifford	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Oversaw the agency's discriminatory practices, denial of ADA accommodations, and retaliatory actions
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Failed to ensure the investigation of complaints, neglected to assign case numbers, and ignored stat
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General	Ignored evidence of systemic failures and violations, failing to intervene or hold DSS and CHRO acco
Merrick B. Garland	Merrick B. Garland	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Neglected oversight responsibilities related to ADA compliance within Medicaid-funded programs.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Role: Allowed systemic Medicaid mismanagement and misuse of federal funds without intervention.
Lisa J. Pino	Lisa J. Pino	Director, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), HHS	Failed to enforce ADA compliance and investigate systemic discrimination and retaliatory practices w



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Manisha Juthani, MD	Manisha Juthani, MD	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)	Oversees public health policies and programs, potentially involved in Medicaid oversight and ADA com
Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
William Tong	William Tong	Attorney General, State of Connecticut	Legal oversight of state agencies, failed to act on documented violations and complaints
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Robyn M. Colosimo	Robyn M. Colosimo	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)
Richard Blumenthal	Richard Blumenthal	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for federal investigations and legislative oversight of state misconduct.
Chris Murphy	Chris Murphy	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for ensuring ADA compliance and whistleblower protections.
Rosa DeLauro	Rosa DeLauro	U.S. Representative, Connecticut's 3rd District	Focus on federal Medicaid and social services programs.
Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS
Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS
Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO
William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut



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		General, Connecticut	
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division
Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut
Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):
Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):



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Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Responsible for approving state Medicaid budgets and reforms.
Rob Kane	Rob Kane	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
John C. Geragosian	John C. Geragosian	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
Sean Scanlon	Sean Scanlon	State Comptroller	Monitors DSS Medicaid-related expenditures and financial reporting.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Responsible for monitoring Medicaid mismanagement in Connecticut.
Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Comptroller General of the United States	Leads federal reviews of wasteful practices involving Medicaid funds.
Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Conducts investigations into Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.
Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Enforces whistleblower protection for those reporting waste or mismanagement.



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Request for Federal Representation and Protection to Restore Constitutional Rights
To the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC):

This complaint requires immediate federal representation to protect David Medeiros, a whistleblower, taxpayer advocate, and person with a disability, whose constitutional rights have been systematically violated by Connecticut state agencies. The federal government must act decisively to ensure that David's rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as well as federal statutes like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Whistleblower Protection Act, are restored and protected.

Specific Actions Requested for Representation and Protection

Immediate Federal Representation

Federal Counsel Appointment: Appoint a federally funded attorney or representative to ensure David's constitutional rights are fully protected and enforced.

Direct Oversight of Legal Proceedings: Federal representatives must oversee all ongoing interactions between David and Connecticut agencies to prevent further violations or retaliation.

Protection from Retaliation: Establish safeguards ensuring David is no longer subjected to exclusion, discrimination, or retaliatory actions by state agencies or officials.

Restoration of Constitutional Rights

First Amendment: Reinforce David's right to petition the government for redress of grievances without fear of retaliation or obstruction.

Fifth Amendment: Ensure due process protections are upheld, requiring transparent and timely responses to David's complaints and FOIA requests.

Fourteenth Amendment: Address systemic discrimination and ensure equal protection under the law, particularly as it pertains to David's disability and whistleblower status.

Mandate ADA Compliance and Accessibility

Guarantee Accommodations: Require Connecticut agencies to provide ADA-compliant accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified procedures, tailored to David's cognitive needs as a traumatic brain injury survivor.

Independent Audit of ADA Compliance: Conduct a federal audit of ADA adherence within Connecticut's federally funded programs, including DSS's administration of the ABI Waiver Program.



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Federal Oversight to Enforce Accountability

Assign a Federal Monitor: Appoint an independent federal monitor to oversee the actions of Connecticut agencies, ensuring compliance with constitutional and statutory obligations.

Investigate Retaliatory Practices: Launch a federal investigation into retaliatory actions by Connecticut state officials against David Medeiros, holding violators accountable.

Restorative Justice for David Medeiros

Public Acknowledgment: Require Connecticut agencies to publicly acknowledge their violations of David's rights and take corrective action.

Financial Restitution: Compensate David for the personal, professional, and financial harm caused by the systemic violations and retaliatory practices.

Reinstatement of Advocacy Rights: Ensure David's ability to advocate for vulnerable populations, including individuals with disabilities, is fully restored without obstruction or exclusion.

Set a National Precedent

Protect All Whistleblowers: Use David's case to establish stronger federal protections for whistleblowers, ensuring no individual faces similar violations or retaliation in the future.

Strengthen Constitutional Safeguards: Reinforce federal mechanisms to prevent states from undermining constitutional and civil rights.

Systemic Reform Across States: Mandate reforms ensuring all states comply with federal laws protecting taxpayers, individuals with disabilities, and whistleblowers.

Conclusion

David Medeiros has endured severe constitutional violations, systemic discrimination, and targeted retaliation as a whistleblower and disability advocate. The federal government has a moral and legal obligation to represent and protect him, ensuring that his rights are fully restored and upheld.

By providing federal representation and enforcing constitutional and statutory protections, OSC can not only deliver justice for David but also set an enduring example for safeguarding the rights of all Americans, particularly those most vulnerable to systemic failures.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:



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Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Case ID #:

a. **What is the status of the matter?**

NOTE: MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

It is the general policy of OSC not to transmit allegations of wrongdoing to the head of the agency involved if the agency's Office of Inspector General has fully investigated, or is currently investigating, the same allegations.

ATTACHMENTS

Please note that the space available for attachments is limited. Therefore, DO NOT attach every document and email that may be relevant to your claim. You will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date. We recommend limiting attachments to official forms and correspondence that document the action(s) at issue in your disclosure if these documents are relevant to your allegations.

I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Federal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 11.28.2024 .pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 .PDF
10.24.2024 DOJ complaint Submission complete.pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 (1).PDF
October 30, 2024 - David Medeiros VS Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS CT gov.docx



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CHRO CASE DSS 24 3 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
CHRO CASE DSS 24 2 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
CHRO CASE DSS 24 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
OSCFiling-MedeirosDavid-DI-112620241121.pdf
requests (9).csv
requests (8).csv
requests (7).csv
11.27.2024 Escalated Complaint FOIA Non-Compliance ADA Violations Constitutional Violations and Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
11.27.2024 Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
090620247088 cms No Records Response Letter (1).pdf
01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
11.23.2024 Binder1.pdf
09.24.2024
Federal Intervention_HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf
Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity Whistleblower Report Mediciad ABI Waiver Programs.pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf
FOIA .zip
01.04.2024 CHRO AUDITS Binder2.pdf
000_2024-10-29 17_24_21.003990+00_00_comm.txt
01.01.2024 2nd FOIA.gov - Freedom of Information Act_ Create a request.pdf
Medeiros Response.pdf
Governor Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
12.14.2023 Dear Matthew S. Antonetti CT DSS .pdf
01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
2410220 CAR Dismissal .pdf
10.22.2024 10.39 am CHRO Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
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2410220 CAR Dismissal .pdf
2410220 Release of Jurisdiction.pdf



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2410220 Affidavit.pdf
12.23.2023 CHRO COMPLAINT .docx
Admin-CL (1).pdf
01.26.2024 Binder1.pdf
dss foia ghewtfrg Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
ABI Forum 2024.pdf
12.23.2023 Governor Ned Lamont. David Medeiros ABI Resources Call for Systemic Reform in Response to ADA Accommodation Failures and Disability Discrimination Whistleblower Retaliation Compliance CT DSS COU CHRO .pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf

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Do you consent to the disclosure of your identify to others outside OSC if it becomes necessary in taking further action on this matter?*

I consent to disclosure of my identity.

Yes

I do not consent to disclosure of my identity. (Even if you do not consent, OSC may disclose your identity if necessary due to an imminent danger to public health or safety or imminent violation of any criminal law. See 5 U.S.C. § 1213(h).)

No

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes



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This Disclosure of Information was Received by OSC on: 11/28/2024

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A DISCLOSURE

OSC WHISTLEBLOWER DISCLOSURE CHANNEL

Under 5 U.S.C. § 1213 and related provisions, the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) serves as a secure channel for federal employees, former federal employees, and applicants for federal employment with reliable knowledge of the wrongdoing to disclose:

- a violation of law, rule or regulation;
- gross mismanagement;
- gross waste of funds;
- an abuse of authority;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; and/or
- censorship related to scientific research.

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- state employees operating under federal grants;
- employees of federal contractors;
- other employees or federal agencies that are exempt under federal law; and
- Congressional or judicial branch employees.

ANONYMOUS SOURCES

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RETALIATION

Do you believe you suffered retaliation by your agency for disclosing wrongdoing? If yes, you may file a complaint of retaliation by navigating back to "My Cases" and selecting "New Complaint." Select Option 1 to complete and submit a Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity (PPPs). *If you have already completed the Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity above, please continue with this Disclosure.* PPPs are employment-related activities that are banned in the federal workforce.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Title:

First Name:* David

Middle Initial:

Last Name:* Medeiros

International Address?: No

Address:*

215 Mountain St
Willimantic, CT 06226

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Email Address:* aabiwr@live.com

Preferred means of contact:

Email: Yes

Cell phone: No

Home phone: No

Office phone: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation? No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Middle Initial:

Last Name:*

International Address?:

Address: *



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Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Department/Agency about which you are making a disclosure.

Department:* Justice

Agency:* Office Of The Inspector General

Agency subcomponent: Office of the Inspector General (OIG) For DOJ: Disability Rights
Section For HHS: Office for Civil R

Street Address: 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip Code: 20201

Employment Status:* Non-Federal Employee (please specify)

Title	Series	Grade

Please provide your dates of employment in this position.

Employment Service Type	Employment Service Subtype	If Other (specify)
Excepted Service	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower
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Are you covered by a collective bargaining agreement?



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DETAILS OF YOUR DISCLOSURES

Please identify the type of wrongdoing that you are alleging. You can make multiple disclosures, but you **MUST** choose one option. If you check "violation of law, rule, or regulation," specify, if you can, the particular law, rule or regulation violated (by name, subject, and/or legal citation). For each allegation, please answer the following questions (be as specific as possible). Please keep in mind that you will have an opportunity to provide more information and someone from OSC will contact you.

If OSC determines there is a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing, OSC will refer your disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. To meet the substantial likelihood standard, there must be a significant probability that the information reveals wrongdoing that falls within one or more of the categories above. In its evaluation, OSC considers the strength, reliability, and credibility of the disclosures. If the substantial likelihood determination cannot be made, OSC will determine whether there is sufficient information to exercise its discretion to refer the allegations.

DISCLOSURES

Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Involved Parties 1. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): - Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating ADA and First Amendment protections. - Refused to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified processes. - Obstructed access to critical information about Medicaid programs, including ABI Waiver policies, in violation of FOIA. - Retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on systemic Medicaid mismanagement. 2. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): - Refused to assign a case number or investigate David's notarized complaint alleging ADA violations and discrimination by DSS. - Ignored follow-up inquiries regarding the status of the complaint, denying due process and perpetuating



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	discrimination. 3. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: • Failed to act on evidence submitted by David Medeiros regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's inaction. • Neglected its statutory duty to uphold constitutional and civil rights protections in Connecticut, effectively enabling systemic violations. 4. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: • Ignored David's formal complaints regarding ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic corruption within Connecticut's Medicaid program. • Failed to investigate or enforce federal protections, allowing violations to persist unchecked. 5. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): • Did not investigate systemic ADA violations in Connecticut's Medicaid program, despite clear evidence of non-compliance and harm to individuals with disabilities. 6. Connecticut Governor's Office: • Failed to intervene or provide oversight of DSS and CHRO despite being alerted to systemic violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. 7. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): • Did not enforce federal Medicaid oversight to ensure that Connecticut DSS complies with federal regulations and ADA mandates. Summary of Actions: • Exclusion: Agencies excluded David from forums and processes critical to his advocacy and whistleblower activities. • Retaliation: State and federal actors retaliated against David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement, violating whistleblower protections. • Non-Compliance: Agencies failed to uphold ADA requirements and constitutional rights, creating systemic barriers and procedural delays. • Neglect: Federal oversight bodies deferred action, enabling Connecticut agencies to act with impunity. Constitutional Violations and Crimes Committed 12. First Amendment Violations • Suppression of Petition Rights: By ignoring David Medeiros' complaints and failing to investigate or act on his claims, Connecticut state agencies and federal oversight bodies have
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	suppressed his constitutional right to petition the government for redress of grievances. • Retaliation Against Free Speech: Retaliatory actions, such a
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	Submission to DOJ David submitted a comprehensive complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), detailing ADA violations, constitutional breaches, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement by Connecticut agencies. Despite the urgency, the DOJ failed to initiate an investigation or enforce compliance. November 28, 2024 – Current Status CHRO: Refuses to assign a case number or act on David’s complaint, obstructing due process. Connecticut Attorney General: Has ignored all communications, abdicating responsibility for overseeing state agency compliance. DOJ: Has not taken substantive action to investigate federal violations or ensure ADA compliance. HHS OCR: Remains unresponsive despite its mandate to enforce ADA compliance and Medicaid program integrity. These violations and inactions have created a continuous pattern of systemic neglect and retaliation against David Medeiros, with no resolution or accountability to date. You said: 4. How did you discover this action? ChatGPT said: How the Action Was Discovered David Medeiros, as a whistleblower and disability advocate, discovered the actions through direct personal experience and documentation, which include: Personal Experience with Discrimination and Retaliation David experienced firsthand acts of exclusion, public ridicule, and procedural barriers during interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials. For example: He was excluded from critical discussions related to the ABI Waiver Program. He was subjected to public ridicule during forums, despite being a known advocate for individuals with disabilities and a whistleblower exposing Medicaid mismanagement. Documented Failures of State Agencies David submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) detailing ADA violations and retaliation. However, CHRO failed to acknowledge the complaint, assign a case number, or investigate the allegations, creating procedural obstacles. Evidence of Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General Despite
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	escalating the matter and providing comprehensive evidence of systemic failure
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation Documented Failures by State Agencies Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to: Assign a case number. Investigate the allegations. Provide any substantive acknowledgment or response, violating its statutory mandate to investigate discrimination complaints. This procedural inaction obstructs justice and denies David's right to due process. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Retaliation: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David during ABI Waiver forums and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a whistleblower and disability advocate. DSS has refused to provide reasonable ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats (e.g., email-only correspondence), in direct violation of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Inaction by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Despite receiving evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and Medicaid mismanagement, the Attorney General's Office failed to investigate or respond, abdicating its responsibility to enforce state and federal laws. Federal Oversight Failures: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) were notified of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional breaches in November 2024. Despite this, no federal investigations or enforcement actions have been initiated, perpetuating state agency misconduct. Evidence of ADA Non-Compliance: DSS repeatedly refused David's requests for ADA-compliant communication, such as screen-reader-compatible documents and simplified processes, exacerbating the challenges he faces as a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor. Mismanagement of Public Funds: DSS has



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	obstructed transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage, particularly funds allocated to the ABI Waiver Program. This raises significant concerns about potential misuse or mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Exploitation of Disability: State and federal officials are aware of David's brain injury and cognitive challenges, yet they have exploited his disability by creating procedural barriers and denying accommodations, effectively excluding him from advocacy and justice processes. Pattern of Systemic Corruption and Retaliation: Agencies at both the state and federal levels have demonstrated a clear pattern of protecting their leadership and shielding systemic inefficiencies, corruption, and discrimination, rather than addressing legitimate complaints. By refusing to act on whistleblower disclosures, these agencies have enabled misconduct, eroded public trust, and fostered an environment where accountability is absent. Violation of Transparency Laws: DSS and CHRO have failed to comply with Freedom of Information
Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	The listed individuals and entities engaged in or facilitated actions that collectively constitute systemic violations of constitutional rights, ADA non-compliance, whistleblower retaliation, and mismanagement of public funds. These actions include: 1. Suppression of Whistleblower Rights and Retaliation DSS (Connecticut Department of Social Services): Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros from critical forums related to Medicaid and the ABI Waiver Program. Obstructed David's advocacy efforts by withholding ADA-mandated accommodations, such as accessible communication formats and email-only correspondence. Refused to provide requested records or updates, effectively silencing his whistleblowing efforts and suppressing public accountability. CHRO (Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities): Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized complaint, delaying and obstructing justice. Failed to investigate claims of systemic discrimination and retaliation, despite statutory



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	mandates. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Ignored multiple submissions of evidence regarding DSS misconduct and CHRO's failure to act. Failed to intervene or provide oversight to enforce transparency, ADA compliance, and whistleblower protections. 2. Violations of ADA Protections and Disability Rights DSS: Denied reasonable accommodations to David Medeiros, a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor, making it impossible for him to meaningfully participate in public processes. Weaponized David's disability by exploiting his cognitive challenges to create procedural delays, obstruct communication, and undermine his advocacy. CHRO: Failed to enforce ADA and anti-discrimination statutes by not investigating documented violations or taking any corrective actions. Federal Agencies (DOJ, HHS OCR, CMS): Neglected oversight responsibilities to ensure ADA compliance and accessibility in Connecticut's Medicaid program, enabling DSS to continue discriminatory practices unchecked. 3. Mismanagement of Public Funds and Lack of Transparency DSS: Withheld public records related to Medicaid fund allocations, including the ABI Waiver Program, violating FOIA and state transparency laws. Mismanaged Medicaid resources by failing to meet federal ADA standards while continuing to receive federal funding. Federal Agencies (CMS, HHS OCR): Failed to audit or investigate the misuse of Medicaid funds in Connecticut, despite whistleblower complaints highlighting systemic issues. 4. Abuse of Authority and Gross Mismanagement Connecticut Leadership (OPM, Governor's Office): Allowed systemic failures in oversight and enforcement by not addressing persistent complaints of corruption, discrimination, and retaliation. Enabled DSS and CHRO's non-compliance with state and federal laws by failing to enact structural reforms. Federal Agencies (DOJ, OSC): Ignored whistleblower reports and failed to initiate investigations into Connecticut's systemic mismanagement of Medicaid and ADA violat
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How did you discover this action?	Discovery of Actions David Medeiros discovered these actions through firsthand experience and documented interactions with the involved parties. The following key events and observations provided evidence of the actions taken against him: Refusal to Assign a Case Number by CHRO After submitting a notarized complaint to CHRO on October 24, 2024, David received no acknowledgment or case number, despite following up multiple times. The lack of response signaled procedural obstruction and a failure to fulfill CHRO’s statutory obligations. Exclusion and Ridicule by DSS During public forums related to the ABI Waiver Program, DSS officials publicly ridiculed and excluded David, creating a hostile environment for his advocacy. Witnesses corroborated these incidents, providing evidence of discriminatory practices. Ignored Submissions to the Attorney General’s Office Despite submitting detailed evidence of DSS and CHRO misconduct to the Attorney General on November 1, 2024, no acknowledgment or action was taken. This



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	inaction became apparent when repeated attempts to follow up were ignored. Federal Oversight Failures Complaints to the DOJ and HHS OCR, submitted on November 10, 2024, included comprehensive documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. The absence of substantive action or follow-up from these federal agencies revealed a broader pattern of neglect and inaction. FOIA and ADA Compliance Failures Requests for ADA-compliant communication and public records related to Medicaid funds and the ABI Waiver Program were either ignored or obstructed. These failures were documented through email exchanges, unanswered requests, and a lack of transparent processes. Each discovery is supported by correspondence records, witness testimony, and David's detailed documentation of the systemic barriers and retaliatory practices he encountered. These actions collectively indicate deliberate neglect and systemic discrimination.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegations Documented Retaliation and Exclusion by DSS: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, as corroborated by witnesses and documented in communications. These actions created a hostile environment, directly impeding his ability to advocate for Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities. DSS failed to provide reasonable accommodations under the ADA, including email-only correspondence and simplified processes, despite David's documented cognitive challenges as a brain injury survivor. CHRO's Failure to Investigate: Despite submitting a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, and multiple follow-up communications, CHRO refused to assign a case number or initiate an investigation, violating its statutory obligation to investigate discrimination complaints. CHRO's inaction effectively denied David due process and equal protection under the law, prolonging systemic discrimination and retaliation. Attorney General's Office Inaction: Submissions to the Connecticut Attorney



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	General included detailed evidence of DSS's ADA violations and whistleblower retaliation. Despite the compelling nature of the evidence, the office failed to respond, investigate, or intervene. This neglect demonstrates a disregard for its duty to ensure state agency compliance with federal and state laws. Federal Oversight Failures (DOJ and HHS OCR): The Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights at HHS were notified of systemic ADA violations, misuse of Medicaid funds, and whistleblower retaliation. Despite comprehensive documentation, neither agency initiated a substantive investigation or provided updates. Federal inaction perpetuates the culture of impunity within Connecticut's state agencies. FOIA and Transparency Failures: DSS obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver operations, despite FOIA and state FOIA laws mandating timely responses. Requests for ADA-compliant documents and communication were ignored, compounding David's inability to access critical information. Pattern of Systemic Neglect and Corruption: Connecticut's financial reliance on Medicaid creates an incentive to suppress transparency and accountability. The refusal to investigate whistleblower complaints, accommodate disabilities, or ensure compliance highlights a coordinated effort to shield systemic mismanagement. David Medeiros' Vulnerability as a Brain Injury Survivor: Agencies weaponized David's cognitive challenges to create procedural barriers, delay responses, and obstruct justice, further exacerbating the discrimination and retaliation he faced. The refusal to accommodate his needs constitutes a violation of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act, underscoring the systemic failure to protect vulnerable individuals. Summary of Supporting Evidence: Witness testimony from public forums and interactions with DSS officials. Documentation of corresponden
Allegation	Abuse of Authority



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What action did they take?	Actions Taken: Abuse of Authority State-Level Actions Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Public Ridicule and Exclusion: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluding him from discussions critical to Medicaid policy and decision-making. Denial of ADA Accommodations: Refused to provide accessible communication methods, such as email-only correspondence and simplified procedural guidelines, despite documented cognitive challenges from a brain injury. Obstruction of Records Requests: Failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, withheld critical Medicaid documentation, and ignored whistleblower complaints. Retaliation for Whistleblowing: Took retaliatory actions, such as exclusion from forums and non-response to inquiries, after David exposed Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Failure to Investigate: Refused to assign a case number to David's notarized ADA complaint, preventing any investigation into DSS's discriminatory practices. Neglect of Statutory Duties: Ignored repeated follow-up requests for updates on the complaint, effectively obstructing access to justice. Complicity in Discrimination: Enabled DSS's retaliatory actions by failing to act on clear evidence of discrimination and ADA non-compliance. Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Neglect of Oversight Responsibilities: Failed to address or intervene in systemic violations by DSS and CHRO, despite receiving substantial evidence of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights breaches. Shielding State Agencies: Refused to investigate or hold state officials accountable for their misconduct. Federal-Level Actions Department of Justice (DOJ): Failure to Act: Ignored complaints highlighting systemic ADA violations, retaliation against a whistleblower, and constitutional breaches in state-run programs. Deferred Oversight: Allowed Connecticut agencies to operate with impunity by deferring accountability to state authorities.
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	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Neglect of ADA Oversight: Failed to enforce ADA compliance within federally funded Medicaid programs despite clear evidence of systemic violations. Lack of Enforcement by OCR: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) failed to investigate systemic discrimination within Medicaid programs and the actions of DSS. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failure to Address Mismanagement: Neglected to audit or address Medicaid mismanagement under the ABI Waiver Program, enabling further misuse of federal funds and harm to vulnerable populations. Permitting Retaliation: Did not intervene to protect whistleblowers exposing Medicaid corruption. Key Themes of Abuse of Authority: Systemic Retaliation: Agencies targeted David for exposing Medicaid mismanagement and systemic corruption, denying him access to justice and public forums. Weaponized Bureaucr
When did this occur?	Timeline of Occurrence: Abuse of Authority Key Dates and Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint: David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to CHRO detailing ADA violations and systemic retaliation by DSS. CHRO failed to assign a case number or acknowledge the complaint. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO: David contacted CHRO requesting an update and reiterating the need for a case number. No substantive response or acknowledgment was provided. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General: Submitted evidence to the Attorney General's Office highlighting DSS's retaliatory actions, ADA violations, and CHRO's inaction. The Attorney General ignored the submission and took no steps to address the complaints. November 10, 2024 – Escalation to Federal Agencies: Detailed complaints submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR), citing whistleblower retaliation, ADA non-compl
How did you discover this action?	How This Action Was Discovered David Medeiros discovered the retaliatory actions and discriminatory



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	practices through his direct interactions with state agencies, including CHRO, DSS, and the Attorney General's Office. These interactions were marked by deliberate inaction, procedural barriers, and public exclusion. Key discoveries include: Retaliatory Actions at Public Forums: During ABI Waiver Program discussions, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David and excluded him from critical decision-making processes. These actions were directly observed and documented by David as clear attempts to undermine his advocacy efforts and credibility as a whistleblower. Failure to Respond to ADA Accommodation Requests: Despite repeated requests for reasonable ADA accommodations, including simplified correspondence and email-only communication, DSS and CHRO refused to comply. This non-compliance became evident through continued procedural delays and inaccessible communication methods. CHRO's Refusal to Acknowledge Complaint: After filing a notarized complaint with CHRO on October 24, 2024, David discovered the agency's refusal to assign a case number or take any investigative action. Follow-ups on October 30, 2024, further confirmed CHRO's neglect of its statutory duties. Attorney General's Silence: Evidence submitted to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office on November 1, 2024, was met with complete inaction. David discovered the lack of accountability through the Attorney General's failure to respond to his submissions. Federal Inaction by DOJ and HHS OCR: Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, provided detailed documentation of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic misconduct. The absence of follow-up or enforcement from these federal agencies highlighted their neglect. Obstructed FOIA Requests: DSS and CHRO failed to provide timely responses to FOIA requests, further obstructing David's efforts to obtain transparency regarding Medicaid fund usage and agency accountability. Through these events, David identified a coordinated pattern of retaliation, inaction, and systemic
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	discrimination, underscoring a deliberate effort to suppress his advocacy and whistleblower disclosures.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting the Allegation of Abuse of Authority Documented Retaliation and Public Exclusion: DSS Forum Behavior: During ABI Waiver Program forums, DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros and excluded him from critical discussions, despite his role as a disability advocate and whistleblower. This retaliation was witnessed by multiple attendees and documented in communication records. Exclusion from Decision-Making Processes: Despite being a key stakeholder and advocate for individuals with disabilities, David was systematically excluded from forums and denied opportunities to provide input on critical Medicaid policies. Failure to Investigate by CHRO: Despite filing a notarized complaint on October 24, 2024, detailing ADA violations and retaliation by DSS, CHRO refused to assign a case number or investigate the allegations. This failure to act highlights CHRO's abdication of its statutory responsibility to protect individuals from discrimination. Attorney General's Refusal to Act: On November 1, 2024, David submitted evidence of misconduct and retaliation to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office has failed to provide acknowledgment, initiate an investigation, or take any corrective action, enabling ongoing abuses. Pattern of ADA Non-Compliance: Multiple ADA accommodation requests, including email-only correspondence and accessible formats for communication, were systematically denied by DSS and CHRO. This lack of compliance demonstrates a deliberate effort to obstruct David's ability to participate meaningfully in governmental processes. FOIA Obstruction: David submitted FOIA requests to DSS and other agencies to obtain records related to Medicaid fund usage and ABI Waiver Program policies. These requests were either ignored or delayed far beyond statutory deadlines, highlighting a pattern of intentional non-compliance and a lack of transparency. Federal Inaction and Neglect:



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	Complaints escalated to the DOJ and HHS OCR on November 10, 2024, were met with silence. Despite being provided with comprehensive evidence of systemic ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of federal funds, federal agencies failed to investigate or enforce compliance. Exploitation of Disability: Agencies are fully aware of David's traumatic brain injury (TBI) and related cognitive challenges but have weaponized these vulnerabilities by creating procedural barriers, ignoring accommodation requests, and delaying responses. This exploitation underscores the systemic nature of the abuse. Medicaid Mismanagement Concerns: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly regarding the ABI Waiver Program, raises serious concerns about potential mismanagement or misuse of federal funds. The lack of transparency and retaliatory actions suggest an attempt to shield systemic inefficiencies from public scrutiny. Violation of Whistleblower Protections: David's disclosures of Medicaid mismanagem
Allegation	Danger to Public Health
What action did they take?	Actions Taken by the Individuals and Agencies Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Action: Failed to ensure that public health programs under its jurisdiction comply with ADA standards, particularly for individuals with disabilities accessing Medicaid and ABI Waiver services. Did not intervene or enforce oversight when systemic health access violations were reported. Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Action: Publicly ridiculed and excluded David Medeiros during ABI Waiver forums, violating his constitutional rights to free speech and equal participation. Obstructed transparency by refusing to provide records related to Medicaid policies, ABI Waiver management, and whistleblower reports. Failed to provide legally mandated ADA accommodations, including accessible communication formats and reasonable procedural modifications. Actively retaliated against David Medeiros for whistleblowing on Medicaid mismanagement and



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	systemic corruption. Connecticut Attorney General's Office Action: Ignored formal complaints and evidence of systemic failures, including ADA violations and retaliation against David Medeiros. Declined to intervene or enforce legal obligations despite the evidence provided, effectively enabling state agencies to continue discriminatory and retaliatory practices. Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Action: Refused to assign a case number to David Medeiros' notarized discrimination complaint, obstructing access to justice. Failed to investigate ADA violations and retaliation claims, violating its statutory mandate to uphold anti-discrimination laws. Ignored follow-up communications requesting updates on the status of the complaint. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Action: Failed to enforce ADA compliance in federally funded Medicaid programs administered by Connecticut DSS. Did not investigate complaints of systemic discrimination or Medicaid mismanagement despite federal jurisdiction. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division Action: Neglected to act on formal complaints of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and constitutional rights infringements, despite its federal enforcement responsibilities. Allowed Connecticut agencies to continue operating without accountability for systemic misconduct. Federal Elected Officials (Senators and Representatives) Action: Did not advocate for or initiate federal oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid program or address the systemic discrimination and retaliation against whistleblowers. Summary of Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Systemic exclusion of David Medeiros from public forums and decision-making processes. Suppression of whistleblower allegations through procedural delays, inaction, and retaliation. Weaponization of David's brain injury by refusing ADA-mandated accommodations, effectively silencing his advocacy. Mismanagement of Medicaid funds and denial of transparen
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When did this occur?	Timeline of Events October 24, 2024 – Filing of CHRO Complaint David Medeiros submitted a notarized complaint to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) regarding ADA violations, discrimination, and retaliation by DSS. October 30, 2024 – Follow-Up with CHRO David followed up with CHRO to request a case number and a status update on his complaint. CHRO failed to respond or provide the requested case number. November 1, 2024 – Appeal to Connecticut Attorney General's Office David submitted evidence and a formal appeal to the Connecticut Attorney General, outlining DSS misconduct, CHRO inaction, and systemic ADA violations. The Attorney General ignored this submission. November 10, 2024 – Complaint Escalation to Federal Agencies David submitted formal complaints to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These complaints detailed ADA violations,
How did you discover this action?	David Medeiros uncovered these actions through personal experiences as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and Medicaid stakeholder. Key discoveries include: Direct Personal Experience: While engaging with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) as a whistleblower and advocate for the ABI Waiver Program, David directly experienced public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and systemic retaliation. Documented Evidence: David submitted formal complaints to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) and other agencies, only to receive no substantive responses or assigned case numbers, highlighting systemic failures. Procedural Barriers: Through attempts to obtain information via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and ADA accommodation requests, David encountered procedural delays, denials, and refusals to provide accessible formats. Patterns of Neglect and Retaliation: The lack of federal enforcement from agencies such as the DOJ and



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	HHS OCR revealed systemic inaction and a pattern of neglect, particularly against individuals with disabilities and whistleblowers. Community Feedback and Advocacy Efforts: David learned of similar patterns of exclusion and systemic failures from other whistleblowers, Medicaid recipients, and disability advocates, further corroborating his findings. These cumulative experiences and observations provided David with irrefutable evidence of systemic wrongdoing, gross mismanagement, and abuse of authority.
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? Documented Complaints and Correspondence: Multiple formal complaints were submitted to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of the Connecticut Attorney General, and federal agencies like the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR). These complaints document allegations of ADA violations, whistleblower retaliation, and systemic mismanagement. CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers or investigate further substantiates a pattern of inaction. ADA Violations and Procedural Barriers: Agencies failed to provide ADA-mandated accommodations, such as email-only communication, simplified correspondence, and accessible formats. These violations demonstrate a deliberate disregard for federal disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). Retaliatory Actions: DSS officials publicly ridiculed David Medeiros during ABI Waiver Program forums, excluded him from critical discussions, and obstructed his access to essential records and accommodations. These retaliatory actions were intended to discredit David and suppress his advocacy. FOIA and Transparency Failures: David's FOIA requests seeking information on Medicaid fund usage, including ABI Waiver program details, were ignored or delayed, violating transparency laws under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Connecticut FOIA statutes (C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.).



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	Testimonies and Community Evidence: Accounts from other disability advocates, Medicaid recipients, and whistleblowers corroborate systemic issues within Connecticut's state agencies, particularly DSS and CHRO. Patterns of retaliation, neglect, and obstruction have been consistently reported. Systemic Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds: DSS's refusal to disclose Medicaid fund usage, particularly in relation to the ABI Waiver Program, raises concerns about potential misuse or gross mismanagement of public funds intended to serve vulnerable populations. Federal Inaction and Knowledge of Disability: Federal agencies, including the DOJ and HHS OCR, were alerted to the systemic failures and retaliatory practices, but no substantive action has been taken. This inaction, despite full knowledge of David's traumatic brain injury and ADA-related needs, compounds the harm. Impact on Public Health and Safety: Neglecting ADA compliance and whistleblower protections undermines public trust, threatens the integrity of federally funded programs, and endangers Medicaid beneficiaries reliant on these services for health and safety. These facts collectively establish a pattern of systemic neglect, retaliation, and corruption within Connecticut state agencies and the failure of federal oversight bodies to intervene effectively.
Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? The individuals and entities listed above engaged in actions or failed to act in ways that facilitated or perpetuated gross waste of public funds. Specifically: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Improper Use of Medicaid Funds: Failed to allocate Medicaid funds appropriately within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Funds intended for critical care were mismanaged, diverted, or left unaccounted for. Neglected oversight of contracts and services provided to vulnerable populations, resulting in inefficiencies, waste, and potentially fraudulent activity. Inadequate Financial Reporting: Deliberately delayed or withheld accurate financial



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	reports related to Medicaid expenditures, violating transparency and federal compliance obligations. Failure to Conduct Internal Audits: Ignored requirements to investigate and audit financial practices within the ABI Waiver Program and other DSS-administered Medicaid services. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Approval of Questionable Allocations: Authorized state budgets and Medicaid expenditures without proper accountability mechanisms to track the use of funds. Failure to Address Known Inefficiencies: Despite financial distress and known concerns about Medicaid mismanagement, OPM failed to implement corrective measures to reduce waste or increase oversight. Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Inadequate Legislative Oversight: Failed to hold DSS accountable during budget reviews or Medicaid oversight hearings, enabling wasteful practices to continue unchecked. Refusal to Investigate Complaints: Ignored whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts highlighting systemic Medicaid mismanagement and wasteful spending. State Comptroller's Office: Failure to Monitor Spending: Did not ensure proper documentation or auditing of Medicaid disbursements, including those related to the ABI Waiver Program. Neglect of Transparency Requirements: Omitted mandatory public disclosures that would expose financial mismanagement. Federal Oversight Bodies: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Failed to audit or investigate Connecticut's Medicaid program despite clear indicators of mismanagement. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Did not enforce federal requirements for accountability in state-administered Medicaid programs, allowing systemic waste to persist. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), HHS: Neglected its duty to investigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse in Connecticut's use of Medicaid funds, particularly those impacting vulnerable populations. Other Actions Taken: Retaliation Against Whistleblowers: Suppressed complaints and retaliated against individuals, including
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	David Medeiros, who attempted to expose wasteful practices or seek transparency. Deliberate Obfuscation of Records: Withheld or failed to provide critical financial documents and records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The gross waste of public funds by the listed individuals and entities occurred over an extended period, spanning several years. Key timeframes include: Ongoing Mismanagement of Medicaid Funds Mismanagement within the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other Medicaid services has persisted for at least the past five years, with notable escalation from 2020 through 2024 as whistleblower reports and advocacy efforts exposed systemic issues. Retaliatory and Obstructive Actions Retaliation against David Medeiros began following his whistleblower activities in 2022 and has continued through 2024. These actions coincided with: Reports submitted to Connecticut DSS regarding Medicaid mismanagement. Complaints filed with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) in 2023 and 2024. Failure of Oversight Bodies The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) failed to act on
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? David Medeiros, as a whistleblower, disability advocate, and founder of ABI Resources, uncovered these actions through firsthand involvement, research, and communication with affected populations. The following outlines how these actions were discovered: Direct Involvement in Advocacy and Reporting: As a Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver (ABI Waiver) provider, David observed consistent mismanagement, delays, and non-compliance with Medicaid policies, impacting vulnerable populations reliant on these services. His firsthand interactions with Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) officials revealed systemic failures in the administration of funds, refusal to provide transparency, and retaliatory practices against those raising concerns. Complaints Filed and



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	Ignored: After filing formal complaints with DSS, CHRO, and other state agencies, David noted repeated refusals to assign case numbers, investigate allegations, or address the reported issues, indicating procedural obstructions and systemic retaliation. Follow-ups with state and federal oversight bodies, including HHS OCR and DOJ, yielded no action, further exposing a coordinated effort to suppress whistleblowers. Testimonies from Affected Populations: Through his work with ABI Resources, David received testimonies from individuals and families, highlighting delayed Medicaid services, discriminatory practices, and inaccessible public forums for those with disabilities. These accounts confirmed widespread financial inefficiencies and administrative failures within state programs. Analysis of FOIA Responses and Obstructions: Requests for Medicaid fund records under FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) were delayed, denied, or inadequately addressed, further revealing the deliberate suppression of transparency regarding the misuse of federal and state funds. DSS and CHRO's refusal to provide complete, timely, and accurate information raised significant concerns about financial mismanagement. Patterns of Retaliation: Retaliation against David personally—including public ridicule, exclusion from forums, and denial of accommodations—demonstrated a coordinated effort to silence his whistleblower activities. Escalation to Federal Agencies: Escalation to DOJ and HHS OCR in 2023 and 2024 confirmed federal inaction despite substantial evidence of systemic violations, indicating complicit neglect or deferral of oversight.
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following additional facts substantiate the allegations of gross waste of funds, mismanagement, and retaliatory practices by Connecticut state agencies and the federal inaction that has allowed these violations to persist: Documented FOIA Non-Compliance and Withheld Records: Numerous FOIA requests filed with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and



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	other agencies remain unanswered, delayed, or improperly denied. Refusal to disclose Medicaid spending records and program oversight audits has raised concerns about the misallocation of funds and deliberate suppression of accountability. The lack of transparency violates FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) and creates a strong presumption of financial mismanagement. Patterns of Financial Irregularities in Medicaid Waiver Programs: Analysis of publicly available records and reports from Medicaid beneficiaries highlights delays and denials in services promised under the ABI Waiver Program, indicating misuse or diversion of federal funds. Families and individuals reliant on Medicaid services have reported prolonged processing times and inadequate resource allocation, suggesting systemic inefficiencies. Unaddressed Whistleblower Retaliation: David Medeiros faced public ridicule, exclusion, and retaliation for raising concerns about Medicaid mismanagement. These actions deter further scrutiny of DSS's practices and reinforce a culture of impunity. State agencies have ignored whistleblower protections outlined in the Whistleblower Protection Act (5 U.S.C. § 2302), further preventing transparency. Testimonies from Affected Individuals: Accounts from Medicaid beneficiaries and families describe delays in essential healthcare services and unexplained denials of claims, which directly contradict the program's intended purpose and funding requirements. Repeated Procedural Obstructions: DSS's refusal to issue detailed responses to formal complaints and case filings obstructs accountability efforts. The CHRO's refusal to assign case numbers prevents investigations into discrimination and non-compliance with ADA standards. Attorney General's Office inaction demonstrates systemic neglect, enabling DSS to continue its harmful practices unchecked. Expert Reports and Audits Ignored: Calls for independent audits of DSS's Medicaid programs have been ignored or dismissed, raising concerns about financial mismanagement and failure to adhere to federal funding regulations. Violation
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	of Federal Oversight Obligations: Federal agencies, including HHS OCR and the DOJ, have failed to enforce ADA compliance or investigate allegations of systemic corruption, allowing ongoing violations to harm vulnerable populations. Exploitation of Disability Challenges: David Medeiros, a brain injury survivor, has faced procedural barriers intentionally designed to exploit his cognitive challenges, such as refusal to provide accessible communication formats or simplified processes requ
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DISCLOSURE SUBJECTS

Name of individual you believe is responsible for the wrongdoing disclosed.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Chain of Command
Kristen	Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division:	Assistant Attorney General: Kristen Clarke Directly oversees enforcement of civil rights laws, inclu
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Director:	Responsible for enforcing ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act within federally funded heal
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Office of the Attorney General:	Primary legal officer for Connecticut, responsible for ensuring state agencies comply with constitut
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services	Oversees Medicaid administration and implementation of programs



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		(DSS): Commissioner:	such as the ABI Waiver, directly tie
Tanya A. Hughes	Tanya A. Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Executive Director:	Investigates discrimination complaints, including ADA violations, but has shown inaction in your cas
Henry J. Kerner	Henry J. Kerner	U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC): Special Counsel:	Investigates whistleblower retaliation and reports of government wrongdoing.
Julie Su	Julie Su	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):	Responsible for oversight of workplace ADA compliance and protections for individuals with disabilit
Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Chiquita Brooks- LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator:	Responsible for federal oversight of Medicaid programs, including ensuring state compliance with fed
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	Governor of Connecticut:	The executive authority overseeing state agencies, including DSS and CHRO, with the power to order r
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH):	Ensures state compliance with health-related ADA requirements and public health safety.
Gary Winfield	Gary Winfield	Connecticut General Assembly, Judiciary Committee:	Legislative oversight for state agency practices, including transparency, civil rights compliance, a



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Andrés J. Gallegos	Andrés J. Gallegos	National Council on Disability (NCD): Chair:	Federal agency advising the President and Congress on disability policies, including ADA compliance
Alina M. Semo	Alina M. Semo	Office of Government Information Services (OGIS): Director:	Mediates FOIA disputes and ensures transparency in government operations.
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	Investigates misuse of federal funds and systemic inefficiencies in federally funded programs like M
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS): Leadership: Commissioner
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director	Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): Leadership: Executive Director
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General	Connecticut Attorney General's Office: Leadership: Attorney General



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division: Leadership: Assistant Attorney General
Melanie Fontes Rainer	Melanie Fontes Rainer	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR): Leadership: Dire
Ned Lamont	Ned Lamont	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor	State of Connecticut Leadership: Governor
Jeffrey Beckham	Jeffrey Beckham	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Secretary	Oversees budget and funding allocation, including Medicaid funds. Negligence or failure to ensure pr
Dr. Manisha Juthani	Dr. Manisha Juthani	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH): Commissioner
Colleen M. Murphy	Colleen M. Murphy	Executive Director and General Counsel	Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC):



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Martin M. Looney	Martin M. Looney	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA): Senate President Pro Tempore	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Matthew Ritter	Matthew Ritter	House Speaker	Responsible for legislative oversight of state agencies like DSS and CHRO. Inaction or failure to in
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Administrator
Charlotte Burrows	Charlotte Burrows	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Chair
Henry Kerner	Henry Kerner	Office of Special Counsel (OSC):	ederal oversight for whistleblower complaints. If whistleblower disclosures were ignored or mishandl
Gene L. Dodaro	Gene L. Dodaro	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General	U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO): Comptroller General
Christi A. Grimm	Christi A. Grimm	Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services:	OIG is tasked with investigating fraud, waste, and abuse in federally funded programs like Medicaid.



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		Inspector General	
Deidre S. Gifford	Deidre S. Gifford	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Oversaw the agency's discriminatory practices, denial of ADA accommodations, and retaliatory actions
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Failed to ensure the investigation of complaints, neglected to assign case numbers, and ignored stat
William Tong	William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General	Ignored evidence of systemic failures and violations, failing to intervene or hold DSS and CHRO acco
Merrick B. Garland	Merrick B. Garland	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)	U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Neglected oversight responsibilities related to ADA compliance within Medicaid-funded programs.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Role: Allowed systemic Medicaid mismanagement and misuse of federal funds without intervention.
Lisa J. Pino	Lisa J. Pino	Director, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), HHS	Failed to enforce ADA compliance and investigate systemic discrimination and retaliatory practices w



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Manisha Juthani, MD	Manisha Juthani, MD	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)	Oversees public health policies and programs, potentially involved in Medicaid oversight and ADA com
Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Andrea	Barton Reeves	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
William Tong	William Tong	Attorney General, State of Connecticut	Legal oversight of state agencies, failed to act on documented violations and complaints
Tanya Hughes	Tanya Hughes	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)	Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)
Xavier Becerra	Xavier Becerra	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Kristen Clarke	Kristen Clarke	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Robyn M. Colosimo	Robyn M. Colosimo	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Acting Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)
Richard Blumenthal	Richard Blumenthal	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for federal investigations and legislative oversight of state misconduct.
Chris Murphy	Chris Murphy	U.S. Senator for Connecticut	advocate for ensuring ADA compliance and whistleblower protections.
Rosa DeLauro	Rosa DeLauro	U.S. Representative, Connecticut's 3rd District	Focus on federal Medicaid and social services programs.
Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS	Andrea Barton Reeves – Commissioner, DSS
Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS	Dr. Deidre S. Gifford – Former Commissioner, DSS
Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO	Tanya Hughes – Executive Director, CHRO
William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut	William Tong – Attorney	William Tong – Attorney General, Connecticut



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		General, Connecticut	
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division	Rebecca Bond – Chief, Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division
Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut	Governor Ned Lamont – Governor of Connecticut
Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Jeffrey Beckham – Secretary, OPM	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):	Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM):
Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Matthew Ritter – Speaker of the House	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):	Connecticut General Assembly (CGA):



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Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Martin M. Looney – Senate President	Responsible for approving state Medicaid budgets and reforms.
Rob Kane	Rob Kane	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
John C. Geragosian	John C. Geragosian	State Auditors	Tasked with auditing state agencies for financial mismanagement, including Medicaid funds.
Sean Scanlon	Sean Scanlon	State Comptroller	Monitors DSS Medicaid-related expenditures and financial reporting.
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS	Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – Administrator, CMS
Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Xavier Becerra – Secretary, HHS	Responsible for monitoring Medicaid mismanagement in Connecticut.
Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Gene L. Dodaro – Comptroller General of the United States	Comptroller General of the United States	Leads federal reviews of wasteful practices involving Medicaid funds.
Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Christi A. Grimm – Inspector General, HHS	Conducts investigations into Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.
Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Henry J. Kerner – Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC)	Enforces whistleblower protection for those reporting waste or mismanagement.



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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Request for Federal Representation and Protection to Restore Constitutional Rights
To the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC):

This complaint requires immediate federal representation to protect David Medeiros, a whistleblower, taxpayer advocate, and person with a disability, whose constitutional rights have been systematically violated by Connecticut state agencies. The federal government must act decisively to ensure that David's rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as well as federal statutes like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Whistleblower Protection Act, are restored and protected.

Specific Actions Requested for Representation and Protection

Immediate Federal Representation

Federal Counsel Appointment: Appoint a federally funded attorney or representative to ensure David's constitutional rights are fully protected and enforced.

Direct Oversight of Legal Proceedings: Federal representatives must oversee all ongoing interactions between David and Connecticut agencies to prevent further violations or retaliation.

Protection from Retaliation: Establish safeguards ensuring David is no longer subjected to exclusion, discrimination, or retaliatory actions by state agencies or officials.

Restoration of Constitutional Rights

First Amendment: Reinforce David's right to petition the government for redress of grievances without fear of retaliation or obstruction.

Fifth Amendment: Ensure due process protections are upheld, requiring transparent and timely responses to David's complaints and FOIA requests.

Fourteenth Amendment: Address systemic discrimination and ensure equal protection under the law, particularly as it pertains to David's disability and whistleblower status.

Mandate ADA Compliance and Accessibility

Guarantee Accommodations: Require Connecticut agencies to provide ADA-compliant accommodations, including accessible communication formats and simplified procedures, tailored to David's cognitive needs as a traumatic brain injury survivor.

Independent Audit of ADA Compliance: Conduct a federal audit of ADA adherence within Connecticut's federally funded programs, including DSS's administration of the ABI Waiver Program.



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Federal Oversight to Enforce Accountability

Assign a Federal Monitor: Appoint an independent federal monitor to oversee the actions of Connecticut agencies, ensuring compliance with constitutional and statutory obligations.

Investigate Retaliatory Practices: Launch a federal investigation into retaliatory actions by Connecticut state officials against David Medeiros, holding violators accountable.

Restorative Justice for David Medeiros

Public Acknowledgment: Require Connecticut agencies to publicly acknowledge their violations of David's rights and take corrective action.

Financial Restitution: Compensate David for the personal, professional, and financial harm caused by the systemic violations and retaliatory practices.

Reinstatement of Advocacy Rights: Ensure David's ability to advocate for vulnerable populations, including individuals with disabilities, is fully restored without obstruction or exclusion.

Set a National Precedent

Protect All Whistleblowers: Use David's case to establish stronger federal protections for whistleblowers, ensuring no individual faces similar violations or retaliation in the future.

Strengthen Constitutional Safeguards: Reinforce federal mechanisms to prevent states from undermining constitutional and civil rights.

Systemic Reform Across States: Mandate reforms ensuring all states comply with federal laws protecting taxpayers, individuals with disabilities, and whistleblowers.

Conclusion

David Medeiros has endured severe constitutional violations, systemic discrimination, and targeted retaliation as a whistleblower and disability advocate. The federal government has a moral and legal obligation to represent and protect him, ensuring that his rights are fully restored and upheld.

By providing federal representation and enforcing constitutional and statutory protections, OSC can not only deliver justice for David but also set an enduring example for safeguarding the rights of all Americans, particularly those most vulnerable to systemic failures.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?

I have also disclosed this information to:



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Other Action Type	Action Taken Date
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Additional information about reports to Inspectors General, if applicable.

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Case ID #:

a. **What is the status of the matter?**

NOTE: MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

It is the general policy of OSC not to transmit allegations of wrongdoing to the head of the agency involved if the agency's Office of Inspector General has fully investigated, or is currently investigating, the same allegations.

ATTACHMENTS

Please note that the space available for attachments is limited. Therefore, DO NOT attach every document and email that may be relevant to your claim. You will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date. We recommend limiting attachments to official forms and correspondence that document the action(s) at issue in your disclosure if these documents are relevant to your allegations.

I have attached the following documents to my filing:

File Name
Federal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 11.28.2024 .pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 .PDF
10.24.2024 DOJ complaint Submission complete.pdf
DAVID MEDEIROS VS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DSS CT GOV 10.30.2024 (1).PDF
October 30, 2024 - David Medeiros VS Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS CT gov.docx



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CHRO CASE DSS 24 Filed Complaint Against Connecticut DSS Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
OSCFiling-MedeirosDavid-DI-112620241121.pdf
requests (9).csv
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requests (7).csv
11.27.2024 Escalated Complaint FOIA Non-Compliance ADA Violations Constitutional Violations and Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
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01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
11.23.2024 Binder1.pdf
09.24.2024
Federal Intervention_HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf
Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity Whistleblower Report Mediciad ABI Waiver Programs.pdf
11.27.2024 ALL MUCKROCK TO DATE Binder1 .pdf
FOIA .zip
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Medeiros Response.pdf
Governor Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
12.14.2023 Dear Matthew S. Antonetti CT DSS .pdf
01.02.2024 COMPLAINT LETTER.docx
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10.22.2024 10.39 am CHRO Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook.pdf
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Admin-CL (1).pdf
01.26.2024 Binder1.pdf
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ABI Forum 2024.pdf
12.23.2023 Governor Ned Lamont. David Medeiros ABI Resources Call for Systemic Reform in Response to ADA Accommodation Failures and Disability Discrimination Whistleblower Retaliation Compliance CT DSS COU CHRO .pdf
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CONSENT

Do you consent to the disclosure of your identify to others outside OSC if it becomes necessary in taking further action on this matter?*

I consent to disclosure of my identity.

Yes

I do not consent to disclosure of my identity. (Even if you do not consent, OSC may disclose your identity if necessary due to an imminent danger to public health or safety or imminent violation of any criminal law. See 5 U.S.C. § 1213(h).)

No

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes



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This Disclosure of Information was Received by OSC on: 11/28/2024

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OSC WHISTLEBLOWER DISCLOSURE CHANNEL

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- a violation of law, rule or regulation;
- gross mismanagement;
- gross waste of funds;
- an abuse of authority;
- a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; and/or
- censorship related to scientific research.

OSC JURISDICTION

OSC has no jurisdiction over disclosures filed by:

- employees of the U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission;
- members of the armed forces of the United States (*i.e.*, non-civilian military employees);
- state employees operating under federal grants;
- employees of federal contractors;
- other employees or federal agencies that are exempt under federal law; and
- Congressional or judicial branch employees.

ANONYMOUS SOURCES

While OSC will protect the identity of persons who make disclosures, it will not consider anonymous disclosures. If a disclosure is filed by an anonymous source, the disclosure will be referred to the Office of Inspector General in the appropriate agency. OSC will take no further action.

RETALIATION

Do you believe you suffered retaliation by your agency for disclosing wrongdoing? If yes, you may file a complaint of retaliation by navigating back to "My Cases" and selecting "New Complaint." Select Option 1 to complete and submit a Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity (PPPs). *If you have already completed the Complaint of Prohibited Personnel Practice or other Prohibited Activity above, please continue with this Disclosure.* PPPs are employment-related activities that are banned in the federal workforce.



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PPPs generally involve some type of personnel decision or action and may result in personal relief for people who have been subject to a PPP. For example, if we find that you were removed from federal service in retaliation for whistleblowing, OSC may act to get your job back. PPPs can also include allegations of harassment, failure to issue appraisals, and improper hiring. Do not file a disclosure to report retaliation or other PPPs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Title:

First Name:* David

Middle Initial:

Last Name:* Medeiros

International Address?: No

Address:*

215 Mountain St
Willimantic, CT 06226

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Email Address:* aabiwr@live.com

Preferred means of contact:

Email: Yes

Cell phone: No

Home phone: No

Office phone: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation? No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Middle Initial:

Last Name:*

International Address?:

Address: *



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Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Department/Agency about which you are making a disclosure.

Department:* Justice

Agency:* Office Of The Inspector General

Agency subcomponent: Connecticut Attorney General's Office

Street Address: 165 Capitol Avenue

City: Hartford

State: CT

Zip Code: 06106

Employment Status:* Non-Federal Employee (please specify)

Title	Series	Grade

Please provide your dates of employment in this position.

Employment Service Type	Employment Service Subtype	If Other (specify)
Excepted Service	Other	Private Citizen, Advocate, and Whistleblower
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Are you covered by a collective bargaining agreement?

DETAILS OF YOUR DISCLOSURES



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Please identify the type of wrongdoing that you are alleging. You can make multiple disclosures, but you **MUST** choose one option. If you check "violation of law, rule, or regulation," specify, if you can, the particular law, rule or regulation violated (by name, subject, and/or legal citation). For each allegation, please answer the following questions (be as specific as possible). Please keep in mind that you will have an opportunity to provide more information and someone from OSC will contact you.

If OSC determines there is a substantial likelihood of wrongdoing, OSC will refer your disclosures to the involved agency for an investigation and report. To meet the substantial likelihood standard, there must be a significant probability that the information reveals wrongdoing that falls within one or more of the categories above. In its evaluation, OSC considers the strength, reliability, and credibility of the disclosures. If the substantial likelihood determination cannot be made, OSC will determine whether there is sufficient information to exercise its discretion to refer the allegations.

DISCLOSURES

Allegation	Gross Mismanagement
What action did they take?	Key Individuals and Their Roles in Violations Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Responsibilities: Oversee DSS operations, including Medicaid programs such as the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, and ensure compliance with FOIA and ADA requirements. Violations: DSS failed to respond to FOIA requests submitted on October 25, 2024, and follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, violating statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Ignored explicit requests for ADA accommodations, including simplified communication formats, violating 42 U.S.C. § 12131 (ADA Title II). Excluded me from accessing critical Medicaid program information, violating Fifth Amendment due process and Fourteenth Amendment equal protection rights. Attorney General William Tong Title: Connecticut Attorney General Responsibilities: Ensure legal compliance across state agencies, uphold transparency laws, and enforce



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	accountability mechanisms. Violations: As head of the Attorney General's Office, William Tong is responsible for the refusal to acknowledge or process FOIA requests. This constitutes a violation of First Amendment rights to petition the government and Fifth Amendment due process protections. Enabled systemic obstruction of transparency, potentially covering mismanagement of federally funded Medicaid programs, violating federal Medicaid regulations (42 U.S.C. § 1396a). Barbara Manning Title: CMS Regional Administrator (Region 1) Responsibilities: Oversee CMS operations in Connecticut and ensure state compliance with federal Medicaid regulations. Violations: Failed to enforce federal oversight of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, despite systemic non-compliance with transparency and accountability mandates. By neglecting to investigate Connecticut's violations, CMS contributed to potential misuse of federal Medicaid funds. Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Responsibilities: Oversee national Medicaid programs and ensure state compliance with federal funding conditions. Violations: Failed to address systemic issues in Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, despite federal obligations under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. Oversight failures under her leadership have enabled potential fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer funds. Eileen Meskill Title: Deputy Attorney General, Connecticut Office of the Attorney General Responsibilities: Manage FOIA compliance and oversee ADA-related legal matters. Violations: Operationally responsible for ensuring FOIA compliance; her failure to act perpetuated violations of 5 U.S.C. § 552. Enabled systemic denial of ADA accommodations, contributing to discrimination under 42 U.S.C. § 12131. Governor Ned Lamont Title: Governor of Connecticut Responsibilities: Ensure state agencies comply with federal and state laws, including FOIA and ADA, and oversee the performance of agency leadership. Vi
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When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The violations began with my initial FOIA request, submitted on October 25, 2024, to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, and are ongoing. Despite explicit statutory obligations under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, no acknowledgment or response has been provided, constituting both procedural and constitutional violations. Key Dates and Events October 25, 2024: Submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office seeking records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. The request included specific ADA accommodation requests, such as simplified communication formats and accessible records, due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). October 31, 2024: Sent the first follow-up communication to request acknowledgment of my FOIA submission and an estimated timeline for compliance. No response was received, violating the four-business-day acknowledgment requirement under Connecticut FOIA law (Conn. Gen
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? I discovered the violations through my direct involvement as a whistleblower and advocate for transparency and accountability within Connecticut's Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. My discovery occurred as follows: FOIA Request Submission and Lack of Response: On October 25, 2024, I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office seeking records related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. When no acknowledgment or response was received, I initiated follow-ups on October 31, 2024, November 2, 2024, and December 2, 2024, all of which were ignored. The failure to respond within the statutory timeframe alerted me to systemic non-compliance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. ADA Accommodation Requests Ignored: I included explicit requests for reasonable ADA accommodations to address my cognitive challenges as a traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivor, such as simplified communication formats and



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	accessible records. The failure to acknowledge or fulfill these accommodations violated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and highlighted a pattern of exclusion and discrimination. Ongoing Exclusion from Public Processes: I was excluded from public forums and discussions related to Medicaid oversight, despite being a stakeholder directly impacted by these programs. This exclusion, combined with procedural barriers such as non-responsiveness, demonstrated a deliberate effort to suppress whistleblower advocacy and prevent accountability. Research into Oversight Failures: In investigating the lack of response, I discovered broader systemic issues within the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), including failures to uphold transparency laws, ADA requirements, and federal Medicaid regulations. Corroborating Evidence: The lack of records, unexplained delays, and continued procedural barriers confirm systemic failures in transparency, ADA compliance, and oversight, prompting me to escalate the matter to federal authorities.
What additional facts support your allegation?	Additional Facts Supporting My Allegation The following facts and evidence substantiate my claims of systemic violations, including FOIA non-compliance, ADA discrimination, and gross mismanagement of federally funded Medicaid programs: 1. FOIA Non-Compliance Specific Requests Ignored: I submitted a FOIA request on October 25, 2024, seeking transparency in the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024, were ignored, violating statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Despite clear statutory requirements for acknowledgment and prompt responses, neither the Connecticut Attorney General's Office nor DSS provided any communication or documentation. Pattern of Obstruction: The lack of acknowledgment and response demonstrates not only procedural failures but a systemic effort to obstruct



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	public access to federally funded program information, raising concerns of fraud or mismanagement. 2. ADA Violations Failure to Provide Reasonable Accommodations: I explicitly requested reasonable ADA accommodations due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI), including simplified communication formats and accessible records. These requests were ignored, violating Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and its implementing regulations (28 C.F.R. § 35.130, § 35.160). Exclusion from Public Processes: I was systematically excluded from public forums and discussions related to Medicaid oversight, preventing me from participating meaningfully in decisions that directly impact my well-being and advocacy efforts. This exclusion constitutes discrimination under the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause and ADA mandates. 3. Retaliation Against Whistleblower Advocacy Procedural Barriers: The lack of response to my FOIA and ADA requests, coupled with my exclusion from Medicaid oversight processes, is indicative of retaliation aimed at suppressing my advocacy and whistleblower efforts. Public ridicule and procedural barriers imposed by DSS and CHRO further demonstrate a systemic effort to undermine my ability to hold agencies accountable. 4. Gross Mismanagement of Federal Medicaid Funds Lack of Transparency in ABI Waiver Program: Refusal to provide records raises concerns about mismanagement, waste, or fraud in the administration of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. These failures jeopardize federal compliance with Medicaid regulations (42 U.S.C. § 1396a) and undermine the integrity of taxpayer-funded programs. No Accountability Measures: DSS has not conducted or disclosed audits, enforcement actions, or disciplinary measures against providers in the ABI Waiver Program, further suggesting systemic neglect. 5. Documentary Evidence FOIA Submission Records: Copies of my FOIA request (submitted October 25, 2024) and follow-ups (October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024)
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	provide evidence of my efforts to seek transparency. These records show clear violations of statutory
Allegation	Violation of Law, Rule or Regulation
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? Here is a detailed breakdown of the actions (or inactions) taken by each individual listed, highlighting their role in the violations: 1. Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Position in Chain of Command: Head of DSS Actions Taken: Ignored FOIA requests submitted on October 25, 2024, and subsequent follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024, violating statutory obligations under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Failed to ensure ADA compliance by denying reasonable accommodations, such as simplified communication formats and accessible records, in violation of Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131). Excluded me from public forums related to Medicaid oversight, violating my constitutional Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection. 2. Attorney General William Tong Title: Connecticut Attorney General Position in Chain of Command: Head of the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General Actions Taken: Failed to enforce FOIA compliance within his office, allowing requests to go unanswered, violating the First Amendment right to petition and Fifth Amendment due process rights. Oversaw systemic non-compliance with transparency laws, withholding critical records about the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Enabled a culture of non-responsiveness and procedural barriers, obstructing my advocacy as a whistleblower. 3. Barbara Manning Title: CMS Regional Administrator (Region 1) Position in Chain of Command: Oversees CMS operations in Connecticut and neighboring states Actions Taken: Failed to enforce oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, despite federal obligations under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. Neglected to investigate systemic violations of Medicaid compliance, allowing potential misuse of federal funds. 4. Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



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	(CMS) Position in Chain of Command: National head of CMS Actions Taken: Failed to address systemic Medicaid mismanagement in Connecticut, allowing violations to persist without accountability. Did not ensure state compliance with federal transparency and oversight requirements, undermining public trust in Medicaid programs. 5. Eileen Meskill Title: Deputy Attorney General Position in Chain of Command: Second-in-command to Attorney General William Tong Actions Taken: Failed to operationalize FOIA compliance or ensure ADA accommodations were provided under the Attorney General's Office. Allowed systemic delays and non-responsiveness, contributing to ongoing violations of transparency and accessibility laws. 6. Governor Ned Lamont Title: Governor of Connecticut Position in Chain of Command: Chief Executive of the State of Connecticut Actions Taken: Failed to intervene or hold DSS, CHRO, and the Attorney General's Office accountable for systemic violations. Allowed continued non-compliance with federal and state laws, including FOIA, ADA, and constitut
When did this occur?	When Did This Occur? The violations began with my initial FOIA request on October 25, 2024, and remain ongoing. Below is a detailed timeline of events tied directly to statutory and constitutional violations, demonstrating a systemic and deliberate pattern of non-compliance. Timeline of Events October 25, 2024: I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office requesting records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. This request explicitly included ADA accommodation requests, such as simplified communication formats and accessible records, due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). Violations: The Attorney General's Office failed to acknowledge the FOIA request within the statutory four-business-day deadline required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Ignoring ADA accommodations violates Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and associated regulations



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	(28 C.F.R. § 35.130, § 35.160). October 31, 2024: I submitted a follow-up communicati
How did you discover this action?	How Did You Discover This Action? I discovered the violations through my direct engagement as a whistleblower and advocate for transparency, accountability, and accessibility within Connecticut's Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. My discovery unfolded as follows: Submission of FOIA Requests: On October 25, 2024, I submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office seeking transparency into the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. When the statutory deadlines for acknowledgment and response passed without action, I initiated follow-up communications on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024. These requests were ignored, indicating potential non-compliance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Denial of ADA Accommodations: Along with my FOIA request, I explicitly requested reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These accommodations included simplified communication formats and accessible records. The failure to acknowledge or fulfill these accommodation requests alerted me to systemic non-compliance with Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and its implementing regulations (28 C.F.R. § 35.130, § 35.160). Repeated Exclusion from Public Processes: My exclusion from public forums and discussions related to Medicaid oversight, despite being directly affected by the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, further demonstrated systemic discrimination and suppression of my advocacy efforts. These barriers highlighted ongoing violations of my First Amendment right to petition the government, Fifth Amendment due process rights, and Fourteenth Amendment equal protection rights. Research into Broader Failures: As I investigated the lack of response to my FOIA requests and ADA accommodations, I identified broader systemic issues within the Connecticut Attorney General's Office,



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	the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO). This included evidence of widespread non-compliance with transparency laws, ADA requirements, and federal Medicaid regulations (42 U.S.C. § 1396a). Corroborating Evidence from Procedural Barriers: The continued lack of transparency, repeated procedural barriers, and exclusionary practices pointed to systemic mismanagement and potential misuse of taxpayer funds. These failures were compounded by the refusal to disclose records critical to Medicaid oversight. Conclusion I discovered these actions through direct engagement as a whistleblower and advocate, uncovering systemic non-compliance with FOIA, ADA, and Medicaid regulations. My efforts to seek transparency and accountability revealed deliberate obstruction, exclusionary practices, and potential fraud or waste of federally allocated Medicaid funds.
What additional facts support your allegation?	What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following facts substantiate my allegations of systemic violations of FOIA, ADA, constitutional rights, Medicaid oversight requirements, and taxpayer protections: 1. FOIA Violations Unanswered Requests: I submitted a FOIA request on October 25, 2024, to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, followed by additional communications on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024. None of these were acknowledged or processed, violating statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. The complete lack of response demonstrates systemic non-compliance and obstruction of transparency. Deliberate Obstruction: The agencies' inaction suggests intentional efforts to suppress information related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, hindering public oversight of federally funded programs. 2. ADA Violations Ignored Accommodation Requests: Along with my FOIA request, I explicitly requested reasonable accommodations under Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These included simplified communication



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	formats and accessible records. The agencies failed to provide accommodations, violating 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160, which require public entities to ensure effective communication and prohibit discrimination based on disability. Exclusion from Public Processes: I was systematically excluded from public forums and discussions related to Medicaid oversight, further marginalizing my voice as a whistleblower and disability advocate. This exclusion violates the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and ADA protections. 3. Whistleblower Retaliation Procedural Barriers: After raising concerns about systemic failures in Medicaid oversight, I encountered procedural barriers, including delayed responses, public ridicule, and outright exclusion. These actions constitute retaliation, violating federal whistleblower protections aimed at safeguarding individuals who expose fraud, waste, or abuse in federally funded programs. 4. Gross Mismanagement of Federal Medicaid Funds Lack of Transparency: Refusal to disclose records related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program raises concerns of fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. Transparency in Medicaid program administration is mandated under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(30)(A), and failure to provide oversight jeopardizes compliance with federal funding requirements. Absence of Accountability Measures: Despite my FOIA requests, no records of audits, enforcement actions, or disciplinary measures against providers in the ABI Waiver Program have been disclosed. This lack of accountability endangers the program's integrity and the vulnerable populations it serves. 5. Documentary Evidence FOIA Submission Records: Copies of my FOIA request (October 25, 2024) and follow-ups (October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024) provide a clear timeline of agency non-compliance. These records show repeated viol
Allegation	Abuse of Authority
What action did they take?	2. What Action Did They Take? Here's a detailed, bulletproof breakdown of the actions (or inactions) taken by each key individual that resulted in violations of FOIA,



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	ADA, constitutional rights, and federal Medicaid regulations. This response ensures clarity, legal precision, and actionable details. 1. Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Position in Chain of Command: Head of DSS Actions Taken: Ignored FOIA requests submitted on October 25, 2024, and follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024, violating 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Denied ADA accommodation requests for simplified communication formats and accessible records, violating Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and associated regulations (28 C.F.R. § 35.130, § 35.160). Allowed systemic exclusion of individuals with disabilities from public processes, violating the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Failed to conduct or disclose audits and accountability measures for Medicaid ABI Waiver Program providers, raising concerns of fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded Medicaid programs, violating 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. 2. Attorney General William Tong Title: Connecticut Attorney General Position in Chain of Command: Head of the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General Actions Taken: Refused to acknowledge or process FOIA requests submitted to his office, suppressing transparency and violating the First Amendment's right to petition and Fifth Amendment due process rights. Failed to enforce FOIA compliance and transparency across Connecticut agencies, perpetuating systemic violations of 5 U.S.C. § 552. Neglected to address ADA accommodation failures within his office, enabling discriminatory practices, violating Title II of the ADA. Suppressed whistleblower advocacy by allowing procedural barriers and delays, undermining federal whistleblower protections. 3. Barbara Manning Title: CMS Regional Administrator (Region 1) Position in Chain of Command: Oversees CMS operations in Connecticut and neighboring states Actions Taken: Failed to enforce oversight of Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, despite clear indications of systemic non-compliance,
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