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Civil Rights Division
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Thank you for submitting a report to the Civil Rights Division.

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What to expect

① We review your report

Our specialists in the Civil Rights Division carefully read every report to identify civil rights violations, spot trends, and determine if we have authority to help with your report.

② Our specialists determine the next step

We may decide to:

Open an investigation or take some other action within the legal authority of the Justice Department.

Collect more information before we can look into your report.

Recommend another government agency that can properly look into your report. If so, we'll let you know.

In some cases, we may determine that we don't have legal authority to handle your report and will recommend that you seek help from a private lawyer or local legal aid organization.

③ When possible, we will follow up with you

We do our best to let you know about the outcome of our review. However, we may not always be able to provide you with updates because:

We're actively working on an investigation or case related to your report.

We're receiving and actively reviewing many requests at the same time.

If we are able to respond, we will contact you using the contact information you provided in this report. Depending on the type of report, response times can vary. If you need to reach us about your report, please refer to your report number when contacting us. This is how we keep track of your submission.

What you can do next

① Contact local legal aid organizations or a lawyer if you haven't already

Legal aid offices or members of lawyer associations in your state may be able to help you with your issue.

Legal Services Corporation (or Legal Aid Offices), to help you find a legal aid lawyer in your area visit www.lsc.gov/find-legal-aid

② Get help immediately if you are in danger

If you reported an incident where you or someone else has experienced or is still experiencing physical harm or violence, or are in immediate danger, please call [911](#) and contact the police.

Your submission

Contact

Contact information

Your name

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Are you now or have ever been an active duty service member?

No

Primary concern

What is your primary reason for contacting the Civil Rights Division?

Discriminated against in a commercial location or public place

Location

Please choose the type of location that best describes where the incident happened

Other

-

Where did this happen?

Organization name

Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC)

Address

165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1100

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Hartford, Connecticut

Personal characteristics

Do you believe any of these personal characteristics influenced why you were treated this way?

Disability (including temporary or recovered and including HIV and drug addiction)

Other reason

Date

When did this happen?

5/6/2025

Personal description

In your own words, describe what happened

I, David Medeiros, am a brain injury survivor and ADA-protected whistleblower who filed formal FOIA complaints against the Connecticut Department of Social Services and other agencies for Medicaid fraud, ADA violations, and systemic abuse within the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program.

On May 6, 2025, I received an email from Stephanie Tessmer, Administrative Assistant at the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC), stating that my FOIA complaint had been “administratively withdrawn.” I never requested or authorized such a withdrawal. I was not notified of any deficiency or given any opportunity to correct or clarify, nor were any ADA accommodations offered, despite my clearly documented disability and prior requests for assistance.

This action was taken without warning and followed my submission of formal grievances exposing systemic Medicaid mismanagement and civil rights violations. I believe this withdrawal was both retaliatory and discriminatory, targeting me due to my status as a disabled whistleblower.

The FOIC is a public agency responsible for upholding transparency. Instead, they denied me due process by:
Obstructing my FOIA request,
Ignoring my ADA rights to accommodation,
Silently disposing of my complaint without consent.
This is not an isolated incident. I have submitted multiple complaints to state agencies (DSS, DCP, DPH, CHRO), and several were either ignored, deleted without being read, or mishandled after disclosing my disability.

Names Involved:

Stephanie Tessmer, FOIC Administrative Assistant
Colleen Murphy, FOIC Executive Director (cc'd on objection)
Multiple documented state officials across DSS, CHRO, and DCP

Supporting Materials:

FOIC Email from Stephanie Tessmer dated May 6, 2025
Formal objection to withdrawal filed May 6, 2025
09.24.2024 Whistleblower Report filed to HHS, CMS, DOJ, GAO, OCR
Multiple FOIA requests with accommodation language
CHRO email deletion logs and DSS FOIA responses
ADA disability disclosures across submissions

I respectfully request a DOJ investigation into the FOIC and related Connecticut agencies for disability discrimination, ADA non-compliance, FOIA obstruction, and whistleblower retaliation. I am available to provide all evidence referenced upon request.