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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

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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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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.

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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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	violating 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. Neglected federal responsibilities to investigate and address mismanagement in Medicaid programs, enabling potential fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer funds. 4. Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Position in Chain of Command: National Administrator of CMS Actions Taken: Allowed systemic issues in Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program to persist, failing to enforce federal oversight responsibilities under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. Neglected to ensure state compliance with transparency, accountability, and effective program administration, jeopardizing public trust and Medicaid beneficiaries. 5. Eileen Meskill Title: Deputy Attorney General Position in Chain of Command
When did this occur?	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 for simplified communication formats and accessible records due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). The Attorney General's Office and DSS failed to acknowledge the request within the statutory four-business-day deadline required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, initiating the violation. October 31, 2024: I sent the first follow-up communication to both the Attorney General's Office and DSS, requesting acknowledgment of my FOIA request and compliance with ADA requirements. Both agencies failed to respond, violating statutory FOIA deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552 and state law. November 2, 2024: A second follow-up was submitted, emphasizing the urgency of my request for transparency and the legal obligation to accommodate my disability
How did you discover this action?	4. How Did You Discover This Action? I discovered the violations through my direct engagement as a whistleblower and advocate for transparency and accountability in Connecticut's Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Below is a detailed



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	explanation of how I identified the systemic failures: 1. Submission of FOIA Requests Date: October 25, 2024 I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, seeking records related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program to evaluate the program's oversight and compliance with federal regulations. Despite statutory deadlines requiring acknowledgment within four business days (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210) and response within 20 business days (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)), no response or acknowledgment was received. 2. Repeated Follow-Ups and Continued Non-Response Dates: October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024 I sent follow-up communications to the Attorney General's Office and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), highlighting the lack of acknowledgment and requesting updates. Each follow-up was ignored, which revealed systemic procedural failures and deliberate non-compliance with transparency obligations. 3. Denial of ADA Accommodations Along with my FOIA requests, I explicitly requested reasonable ADA accommodations due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI), including: Simplified communication formats. Accessible records compatible with assistive technologies. The agencies' failure to acknowledge or address these requests revealed violations of Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160, further excluding me from public processes. 4. Exclusion from Public Processes My exclusion from public forums and discussions related to Medicaid program oversight—despite being a direct stakeholder—underscored systemic barriers and discriminatory practices. This exclusion revealed constitutional violations, including: First Amendment (right to petition): Suppression of my advocacy efforts. Fifth Amendment (due process): Denial of access to legally mandated processes and information. Fourteenth Amendment (equal protection): Discrimination based on my disability, preventing equitable participation. 5. Broader Investigation and Analysis As I analyzed the lack of response, I uncovered
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	broader systemic issues, including: Lack of Transparency: No publicly available records or disclosures related to Medicaid ABI Waiver Program audits, provider complaints, or enforcement actions. Potential Mismanagement: The absence of accountability measures raised concerns about fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded Medicaid resources, violating 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. 6. Corroborating Evidence from Procedural Barriers Procedural barriers, such as non-responsiveness, exclusionary practices, and delays, confirmed deliberate obstruction and systemic failures across the Attorney General's Office, DSS, and other agencies. These actions directly impeded my ability to advocate
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? Here is a comprehensive response with specific supporting facts tied to the allegations of systemic violations of FOIA, ADA, Medicaid regulations, constitutional rights, and taxpayer protections: 1. FOIA Non-Compliance Unanswered FOIA Requests: I submitted a FOIA request on October 25, 2024, to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, with follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024. None of these communications were acknowledged or answered, violating statutory requirements under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. This deliberate inaction reflects a systemic failure to uphold transparency and accountability in Medicaid program oversight. Pattern of Obstruction: The lack of acknowledgment, communication, or documentation in response to lawful FOIA requests demonstrates intentional suppression of public information about the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. 2. ADA Violations Ignored ADA Accommodation Requests: Along with my FOIA request, I explicitly requested ADA accommodations due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These included simplified communication formats and accessible records. The refusal to address these accommodation requests constitutes a violation of Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and its implementing regulations (28 C.F.R. §



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	35.130, § 35.160), further excluding me from participating in government processes. Exclusionary Practices: My exclusion from public forums and discussions related to Medicaid oversight underscores systemic discrimination and deliberate marginalization of individuals with disabilities, violating the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause. 3. Constitutional Violations First Amendment Violations: By obstructing FOIA requests and suppressing my ability to advocate as a whistleblower, the Connecticut Attorney General's Office and DSS infringed upon my First Amendment right to petition the government for redress of grievances. Fifth Amendment Violations: The refusal to provide access to legally mandated public records and processes denied my due process rights, as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment. Fourteenth Amendment Violations: The systemic exclusion of individuals with disabilities from public processes constitutes discrimination, violating my Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection under the law. 4. Whistleblower Retaliation Suppression of Advocacy: Procedural barriers, non-responsiveness, and public exclusion demonstrate retaliation against my efforts to expose systemic failures in Medicaid oversight. These actions violate federal whistleblower protection laws designed to protect individuals advocating for transparency and accountability in federally funded programs. 5. Medicaid Oversight Failures Lack of Transparency: No publicly available records or audits exist detailing the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program's administration, provider oversight, or enforcement actions. This absence of accountability rai
Allegation	Gross Waste of Funds
What action did they take?	Gross Waste of Funds Allegation This allegation focuses on the mismanagement or misallocation of federal Medicaid funds, emphasizing systemic failures to ensure transparency and accountability. Below is the breakdown of how each individual's role and actions (or inactions) contributed to this gross waste of taxpayer dollars: 1. Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut



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	Department of Social Services (DSS) Role: Oversees DSS operations, including Medicaid programs such as the ABI Waiver Program. Actions Contributing to Gross Waste of Funds: Failed to provide transparency into Medicaid ABI Waiver Program administration, violating 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. Neglected to ensure oversight of providers, including audits, accountability measures, and responses to complaints, increasing the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse. Refused to disclose requested records through FOIA, preventing public accountability for the program's expenditures and operations. Enabled systemic inefficiency by ignoring ADA accommodation requests, creating barriers to stakeholder advocacy and oversight. 2. Attorney General William Tong Title: Connecticut Attorney General Role: Responsible for ensuring legal compliance and transparency across state agencies, including Medicaid program operations. Actions Contributing to Gross Waste of Funds: Oversaw the obstruction of FOIA requests, suppressing public access to information necessary for holding DSS and Medicaid programs accountable. Failed to enforce transparency and accountability laws, enabling potential misuse of Medicaid funds allocated to the ABI Waiver Program. Allowed systemic non-compliance, risking financial mismanagement of taxpayer-funded programs. 3. Barbara Manning Title: CMS Regional Administrator (Region 1) Role: Oversees CMS operations in Connecticut and neighboring states, ensuring compliance with federal Medicaid regulations. Actions Contributing to Gross Waste of Funds: Failed to investigate systemic failures in Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, despite ongoing non-compliance and lack of transparency. Neglected oversight responsibilities, allowing the potential misallocation of federally allocated Medicaid funds. 4. Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Role: National Administrator of Medicaid programs. Actions Contributing to Gross Waste of Funds: Allowed systemic issues in Medicaid program oversight in Connecticut to
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	persist without intervention. Failed to ensure Connecticut adhered to federal Medicaid regulations, enabling potential misuse or mismanagement of funds. 5. Eileen Meskill Title: Deputy Attorney General Role: Second-in-command to the Connecticut Attorney General, responsible for operational oversight of transparency laws. Actions Contributing to Gross Waste of Funds: Failed to enforce FOIA compliance within the Attorney General's Office, contributing to a lack of transparency in Medicaid program expenditures. Enabled procedural barriers
When did this occur?	3. When Did This Occur? The violations began on October 25, 2024, with the submission of my initial FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office and continue to this day. Below is a detailed timeline of key events: 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 for simplified communication formats and accessible records due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). The Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS) failed to acknowledge the request within the statutory four-business-day deadline required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, initiating the first violation. October 31, 2024: I sent the first follow-up communication to the Attorney General's Office and DSS, requesting acknowledgment of my FOIA request and compliance with ADA requirements. N
How did you discover this action?	4. How Did You Discover This Action? I discovered these violations through direct engagement with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process, my role as a whistleblower advocating for transparency in the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, and repeated attempts to secure reasonable ADA accommodations. Below is a detailed account of how I uncovered these systemic issues: 1. Submission of FOIA Requests Date: October 25, 2024 I submitted a FOIA



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	request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, seeking records related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. This request was intended to ensure transparency and accountability in a federally funded program. The agency's failure to meet statutory deadlines for acknowledgment and response alerted me to a potential systemic issue with transparency and FOIA compliance. 2. Follow-Up Communications Dates: October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024 I sent follow-up communications to both the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS), highlighting their failure to acknowledge or respond to my request. The consistent lack of response, combined with procedural delays, suggested deliberate non-compliance with transparency laws, violating 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. 3. Denial of ADA Accommodations I included requests for reasonable ADA accommodations, such as simplified communication formats and accessible records, due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). The agencies ignored these requests, which revealed 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). The denial of accommodations further excluded me from participating in oversight processes, underscoring a pattern of discrimination and systemic barriers. 4. Exclusion from Public Processes Despite being a direct stakeholder in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, I was excluded from public forums and decision-making processes critical to Medicaid program oversight. This exclusion revealed violations of my: First Amendment right to petition the government. Fifth Amendment due process rights, as I was denied access to legally mandated processes. Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection, as a person with disabilities. 5. Broader Investigations and Findings As I sought to understand the lack of response to my FOIA requests and ADA accommodations, I uncovered broader systemic issues, including: Lack of Transparency: No publicly available records on Medicaid
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	program oversight, provider accountability, or program audits. Potential Mismanagement: Absence of disclosures about enforcement actions against providers or corrective measures raises concerns about fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded resources. 6. Corroborating Evidence FOIA Submission Records: Copies of my FOIA request and follow-up communications provide evidence of agency non-compliance. ADA Accommodation Requests: Documented requests for accommodation
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following facts substantiate the systemic violations of FOIA, ADA, Medicaid regulations, constitutional rights, and taxpayer protections. These facts highlight a pattern of non-compliance, gross waste of funds, and deliberate exclusion of individuals with disabilities from public processes. 1. FOIA Non-Compliance Ignored FOIA Requests: My initial FOIA request, submitted on October 25, 2024, and follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024, were ignored by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS). Both agencies violated statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, failing to acknowledge or respond to legally submitted requests. Pattern of Obstruction: The refusal to disclose public records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program reveals systemic suppression of transparency, violating federal and state laws designed to ensure public accountability. 2. ADA Violations Denied Accommodation Requests: Along with my FOIA request, I submitted explicit requests for reasonable accommodations due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These included simplified communication formats and accessible records, as mandated under Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131). The agencies failed to provide these accommodations, violating 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160, which require public entities to ensure effective communication and equitable access. Exclusionary Practices: By ignoring ADA accommodation requests,



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	DSS and the Attorney General's Office excluded me from participating in Medicaid program oversight processes. This exclusion violates the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and perpetuates systemic discrimination against individuals with disabilities. 3. Constitutional Violations First Amendment (Right to Petition): FOIA non-compliance obstructed my ability to petition the government for redress of grievances, violating my constitutional right to advocate for transparency and accountability. Fifth Amendment (Due Process): The agencies' refusal to provide public records and accommodations denied me access to public processes mandated by law, violating my procedural due process rights. Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection): Systemic exclusion from public forums and decision-making processes due to my disability constitutes discrimination, violating my equal protection rights under the law. 4. Medicaid Oversight Failures Lack of Transparency: No publicly available records or audits exist detailing the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program's administration, provider accountability, or enforcement actions. This absence of oversight violates 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, which requires Medicaid programs to operate transparently and effectively. Potential Mismanagement: The lack of disclosure regarding complaints, violations, or corrective actions against Medicaid providers raises concerns about
Allegation	Danger to Public Health
What action did they take?	Danger to Public Health or Safety The lack of transparency, accountability, and oversight in Connecticut's Medicaid programs, specifically the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, poses a significant danger to public health and safety. Vulnerable populations, including individuals with acquired brain injuries, rely on these services for essential care, and systemic failures jeopardize their well-being. Below is a breakdown of how each individual contributed to this danger: 1. Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Role:



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	Oversees DSS operations, including the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Actions Contributing to Danger: Lack of Oversight: Failed to ensure transparency in program operations, including audits, complaints, and enforcement actions, increasing risks of substandard care. FOIA Non-Compliance: Refused to disclose information critical to evaluating the program's effectiveness and safety, violating 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210. Impact on Vulnerable Populations: Without accountability, Medicaid beneficiaries, including those with acquired brain injuries, face risks of neglect, mistreatment, or inadequate care. 2. Attorney General William Tong Title: Connecticut Attorney General Role: Responsible for ensuring legal compliance across state agencies. Actions Contributing to Danger: FOIA Obstruction: Suppressed transparency efforts by ignoring FOIA requests, obstructing access to vital Medicaid oversight information. Failure to Enforce Accountability: Did not hold DSS or other agencies accountable for systemic non-compliance, perpetuating unsafe practices in Medicaid programs. 3. Barbara Manning Title: CMS Regional Administrator (Region 1) Role: Oversees CMS operations in Connecticut and other New England states. Actions Contributing to Danger: Lack of Federal Oversight: Neglected to investigate or address systemic failures in Connecticut's Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, despite its federally funded nature. Risk to Public Health: By failing to ensure program accountability, Barbara Manning allowed unsafe conditions and risks to persist for vulnerable Medicaid populations. 4. Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Title: Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Role: National Administrator of Medicaid programs. Actions Contributing to Danger: Failure to Intervene: Did not address ongoing issues in Connecticut's Medicaid program, allowing risks to public health and safety to escalate. Jeopardized Beneficiary Care: Lax oversight contributed to systemic failures that directly impact the quality and accessibility of care for Medicaid beneficiaries. 5. Eileen Meskill Title: Deputy
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	Attorney General Role: Second-in-command to Attorney General William Tong. Actions Contributing to Danger: Neglected Legal Oversight: Failed to enforce transparency and ADA compliance, preventing stakeholders from ensuring the safety and efficacy of Medicaid programs. 6. Governor Ned Lamont Title: Go
When did this occur?	3. When Did This Occur? The violations began on October 25, 2024, with my initial FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, and continue to this day. Below is a detailed timeline of events that illustrate the systemic and ongoing nature of these violations: Timeline of Events October 25, 2024: I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office seeking records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. This request also included ADA accommodation requests for simplified communication formats and accessible records due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). The Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS) failed to acknowledge the request within the statutory four-business-day deadline required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, initiating the first violation. October 31, 2024: I submitted a follow-up communication to both the Attorney General's Office and DSS, requesting acknowledgment of my FOIA submissi
How did you discover this action?	4. How Did You Discover This Action? I discovered these violations through direct engagement with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process, my role as a whistleblower advocating for transparency in the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, and repeated attempts to secure reasonable ADA accommodations. Below is a detailed explanation of how I uncovered these systemic failures: 1. Submission of FOIA Requests Date: October 25, 2024 I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, seeking records related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program to evaluate its oversight and compliance with federal regulations. The agency failed to acknowledge the request within the statutory four-business-day



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	deadline under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, which was my first indication of potential systemic transparency issues. 2. Follow-Up Communications Dates: October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024 After receiving no acknowledgment, I sent follow-up communications to both the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS). The consistent lack of response and failure to meet statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) revealed procedural barriers and deliberate non-compliance with transparency laws. 3. Denial of ADA Accommodations Along with my FOIA request, I submitted explicit ADA accommodation requests due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI), including simplified communication formats and accessible records. The agencies' failure to address or fulfill these accommodations exposed systemic non-compliance with Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160. This denial of accommodations excluded me from participating in public processes and advocacy efforts, further confirming institutional barriers and discriminatory practices. 4. Exclusion from Public Processes Despite being a direct stakeholder in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, I was excluded from public forums and decision-making processes critical to Medicaid oversight. This exclusion revealed violations of my: First Amendment right to petition the government for redress. Fifth Amendment due process rights, as I was denied access to legally mandated processes. Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection, as a person with disabilities. 5. Broader Investigation and Findings As I sought to understand the lack of response and accommodations, I uncovered broader systemic issues, including: Lack of Transparency: No publicly available records on Medicaid program oversight, provider accountability, or program audits. Potential Mismanagement: The absence of disclosures about enforcement actions against providers or corrective measures raised concerns about fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded resources. 6. Corroborating Evidence
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	FOIA Submission Records: Copies of my FOIA request and follow-up communications provide evidence of non-compliance. ADA Accommodation Requests: Documented requests for accommodations highligh
What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following facts substantiate my allegations of systemic violations of FOIA, ADA, Medicaid oversight regulations, constitutional rights, and taxpayer protections. These facts illustrate a pattern of non-compliance, mismanagement, and deliberate exclusion of individuals with disabilities from public processes. 1. FOIA Non-Compliance Ignored FOIA Requests: My FOIA request, submitted on October 25, 2024, and follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024, were ignored by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS). Both agencies failed to meet statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, reflecting a deliberate pattern of suppression of public information. Systemic Suppression of Transparency: The lack of acknowledgment or response to lawful FOIA requests demonstrates systemic efforts to obstruct access to critical records regarding the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. 2. ADA Violations Ignored ADA Accommodation Requests: Along with my FOIA request, I submitted explicit ADA accommodation requests due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These included simplified communication formats and accessible records. The agencies failed to acknowledge or fulfill these requests, violating Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and associated regulations (28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160). Exclusionary Practices: By denying ADA accommodations, the agencies excluded me from participating in oversight processes related to Medicaid programs. This constitutes discrimination and violates the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause. 3. Constitutional Violations First Amendment (Right to Petition): FOIA non-compliance obstructed my ability to petition the government for redress of grievances,



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	violating my constitutional right to advocate for transparency and accountability. Fifth Amendment (Due Process): The agencies' refusal to provide access to public records and ADA accommodations denied me access to processes required by law, violating my procedural due process rights. Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection): Systemic exclusion from public forums and decision-making processes constitutes discrimination, violating my right to equal protection as an individual with disabilities. 4. Medicaid Oversight Failures Lack of Transparency in Program Operations: No publicly available records or audits exist detailing the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program's administration, provider accountability, or enforcement actions. This lack of oversight violates federal Medicaid regulations under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, which require states to operate Medicaid programs transparently and efficiently. Potential Mismanagement: The absence of records about complaints, provider violations, or corrective actions raises concerns about fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded Medicaid resources. 5. Whistleblower Retaliation Suppress
Allegation	Danger to Public Safety
What action did they take?	Constitutional Rights Violations Contributing to Danger to Public Safety The systemic failures in transparency, ADA compliance, and oversight within Connecticut's Medicaid programs, particularly the ABI Waiver Program, violate multiple constitutional rights and significantly endanger public safety. Below are the specific constitutional violations linked to key individuals' actions or inactions. 1. First Amendment Violations Right to Petition the Government: What Happened: FOIA non-compliance obstructed my right to petition the government for redress of grievances. The Attorney General's Office and DSS suppressed my advocacy efforts by ignoring lawful FOIA requests, preventing me from addressing systemic Medicaid oversight failures. Constitutional Violation: Suppressing my ability to request information and advocate for transparency



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	violates the First Amendment. 2. Fifth Amendment Violations Right to Due Process: What Happened: Denied access to public records mandated by FOIA and state law. Ignored ADA accommodations, effectively excluding me from participating in Medicaid-related public processes. Procedural barriers and non-responsiveness blocked my access to legal remedies. Constitutional Violation: These actions violate the Fifth Amendment, which guarantees procedural due process rights when engaging with government processes. 3. Fourteenth Amendment Violations Equal Protection Under the Law: What Happened: Denial of ADA accommodations excluded me, as a person with a disability, from critical forums and decision-making processes concerning Medicaid oversight. Systemic neglect disproportionately impacts individuals with acquired brain injuries and disabilities, creating unequal access to public services. Constitutional Violation: This exclusion constitutes discrimination, violating the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Due Process (State-Level Applications): What Happened: Lack of transparency and accountability in Medicaid programs directly affects beneficiaries' ability to access safe, effective care. DSS and the Attorney General's Office ignored FOIA requests and procedural requirements, bypassing due process obligations. Constitutional Violation: These actions also violate the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause, which requires fairness in government actions impacting individuals' rights. Specific Violations Linked to Danger to Public Safety Denial of Transparency (First and Fifth Amendments): FOIA violations obstruct public accountability, preventing timely identification of safety risks in Medicaid programs, which jeopardizes beneficiaries' lives and well-being. Exclusion of Stakeholders (Fourteenth Amendment): The exclusion of individuals with disabilities from public processes weakens program accountability and oversight, increasing risks of harm to vulnerable populations. Suppression of Advocacy (First Amendment): Retaliatory
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	procedural barriers discourage whistleblower advocacy, allowing dangerous conditions
When did this occur?	3. When Did This Occur? The violations began on October 25, 2024, with the submission of my initial FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, and continue to this day. Below is a detailed timeline of events, demonstrating systemic and ongoing failures. Timeline of Events October 25, 2024: I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, seeking records related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. This request explicitly included ADA accommodation requests for simplified communication formats and accessible records, as required under Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131). The Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS) failed to acknowledge this request within the statutory four-business-day deadline required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, initiating the first violation. October 31, 2024: I sent a follow-up communication to the Attorney General's Office and DSS, requesting acknowledgment of my
How did you discover this action?	4. How Did You Discover This Action? I discovered these violations through direct engagement with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process, my role as a whistleblower advocating for transparency in the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, and repeated attempts to secure reasonable ADA accommodations. Below is a detailed explanation of how I uncovered these systemic failures: 1. Submission of FOIA Requests Date: October 25, 2024 I submitted a FOIA request to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, seeking records related to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program to evaluate its oversight, compliance with federal Medicaid regulations, and effectiveness in serving vulnerable populations. The lack of acknowledgment or response to this request, required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210 and 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), indicated potential transparency failures and non-compliance with statutory obligations. 2. Follow-Up Communications Dates:



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	October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024 After receiving no acknowledgment, I sent multiple follow-up communications to both the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS). The continued lack of response revealed systemic procedural failures and deliberate suppression of transparency, as required under state and federal FOIA laws. 3. Denial of ADA Accommodations Along with my FOIA request, I submitted explicit ADA accommodation requests due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These accommodations included: Simplified communication formats. Accessible records compatible with assistive technologies. The agencies' failure to fulfill these reasonable accommodation requests demonstrated non-compliance with Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and its implementing regulations (28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160). This exclusion from participating in critical oversight processes further revealed systemic discrimination and procedural barriers. 4. Exclusion from Public Processes Despite being a direct stakeholder in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, I was excluded from public forums, discussions, and decision-making processes critical to Medicaid program oversight. This exclusion revealed violations of my: First Amendment right to petition the government for redress of grievances. Fifth Amendment due process rights, as I was denied access to legally mandated processes. Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection, as a person with disabilities. 5. Broader Investigation and Findings Through my advocacy efforts, I uncovered broader systemic issues, including: Lack of Transparency: No publicly available records, audits, or enforcement actions exist detailing the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program's operations or accountability mechanisms. Potential Mismanagement: Absence of records about complaints, violations, or corrective actions raises concerns about fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded Medicaid resources. Barriers to Accountability: Systemic delays and exclusionary practices obst
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What additional facts support your allegation?	5. What Additional Facts Support Your Allegation? The following facts substantiate my allegations of systemic violations of FOIA, ADA, Medicaid regulations, constitutional rights, and taxpayer protections. These facts highlight systemic non-compliance, potential mismanagement, and a deliberate exclusion of individuals with disabilities from public processes. 1. FOIA Non-Compliance Ignored FOIA Requests: My FOIA request, submitted on October 25, 2024, and follow-ups on October 31, November 2, and December 2, 2024, were ignored by the Connecticut Attorney General's Office and the Department of Social Services (DSS). Both agencies failed to meet statutory deadlines under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210, reflecting deliberate non-compliance with federal and state transparency laws. Systemic Suppression of Transparency: The refusal to disclose public records regarding the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program prevents public accountability, perpetuating risks to vulnerable populations. 2. ADA Violations Ignored ADA Accommodation Requests: Along with my FOIA request, I submitted explicit ADA accommodation requests due to my traumatic brain injury (TBI). These included simplified communication formats and accessible records compatible with assistive technologies. The agencies failed to acknowledge or fulfill these requests, violating Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. § 12131) and 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 and § 35.160. Exclusionary Practices: By denying ADA accommodations, the agencies excluded me from participating in Medicaid program oversight. This exclusion violates the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause and perpetuates systemic discrimination against individuals with disabilities. 3. Constitutional Violations First Amendment Violations: FOIA non-compliance obstructed my right to petition the government for redress of grievances, violating the First Amendment. Fifth Amendment Violations: The agencies' refusal to provide access to public records and accommodations denied me procedural due process,
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	violating the Fifth Amendment. Fourteenth Amendment Violations: Excluding individuals with disabilities from public processes constitutes discrimination and violates the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause. 4. Medicaid Oversight Failures Lack of Transparency in Program Operations: No publicly available records or audits exist detailing the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program's provider accountability, complaint investigations, or enforcement actions. The lack of transparency violates 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, which requires states to operate Medicaid programs transparently and effectively. Potential Mismanagement: The absence of publicly disclosed records about provider violations, complaints, or corrective actions raises concerns about fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer-funded Medicaid resources. 5. Whistleblower Retaliation Procedural Barriers: The agencies imposed procedural barriers, such as non-responsiveness and e
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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
Attorney General William Tong	Attorney General William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General William Tong	Connecticut Attorney General William Tong
Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves	Andrea Barton Reeves Title: Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)	Andrea Barton Reeves: Appointed as Commissioner of DSS in early 2023, she oversees the department's
Governor Ned Lamont	Governor Ned Lamont	Governor Ned Lamont	Governor Ned Lamont



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Eileen Meskill	Eileen Meskill	Eileen Meskill Deputy Attorney General for the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General.	Deputy Attorney General for the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General.
Barbara Manning	Barbara Manning	CMS Regional Administrator Role: Oversees CMS operations	CMS Regional Administrator Role: Oversees CMS operations
Tanya Hughes (CHRO Executive Director)	Tanya Hughes (CHRO Executive Director)	Tanya Hughes (CHRO Executive Director)	Tanya Hughes (CHRO Executive Director)
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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)



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Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator Role: Oversees CMS operations	Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator Role: Oversees CMS operations	Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator Role: Oversees CMS operations	Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator Role: Oversees CMS operations
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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)
William Tong Connecticut Attorney General	William Tong Connecticut Attorney General	William Tong Connecticut Attorney General	William Tong Connecticut Attorney General
Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator	Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator	Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator	Barbara Manning CMS Regional Administrator
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)
Eileen Meskill Deputy Attorney General for the Connecticut	Eileen Meskill Deputy Attorney General for the Connecticut	Eileen Meskill Deputy Attorney General for the Connecticut	Eileen Meskill Deputy Attorney General for the Connecticut
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REQUESTED OSC ACTION

What action would you like OSC to take?

Document attached Request for Federal Representation

The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and other relevant federal agencies, including the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), must represent both myself as a whistleblower and the broader public in addressing these systemic violations. These actions should include:



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1. Representing Whistleblower Rights

Protect My Advocacy Efforts:

Enforce whistleblower protections under the Whistleblower Protection Act to safeguard my rights and ensure that my efforts to expose systemic failures are not met with retaliation.

Act as a federal intermediary to hold state agencies accountable for obstructing transparency and ADA compliance.

Provide Legal and Procedural Representation:

Advocate for my access to records, ADA accommodations, and participation in oversight processes as required under FOIA, ADA, and constitutional rights provisions.

Assist in ensuring that state agencies, including DSS and the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, comply with federal laws and policies.

2. Representing the Broader Public Interest

Ensure Accountability for Medicaid Mismanagement:

Represent the interests of taxpayers and Medicaid beneficiaries by investigating systemic mismanagement and potential misuse of federal funds under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a.

Address gross waste of federal and state resources allocated to the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, ensuring that these funds serve their intended purpose of supporting vulnerable populations.

Protect Public Safety:

Act on behalf of individuals who rely on Medicaid services, ensuring program integrity and preventing harm to public health and safety caused by lack of oversight, transparency, or accountability.

Address the exclusion of stakeholders with disabilities from decision-making processes, which creates inequitable systems that endanger lives and erode public trust.

3. Federal Oversight of State Agencies

Hold State Agencies Accountable:

Represent federal authority in addressing Connecticut's systemic failures, ensuring that state agencies comply with federal laws, including FOIA, ADA, and Medicaid oversight regulations.

Require the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), the Connecticut Attorney



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General's Office, and CHRO to implement federal-mandated corrective actions.

Demand Systemic Reforms:

Advocate for the establishment of independent oversight bodies to monitor ADA compliance, Medicaid program transparency, and whistleblower protections in Connecticut.

4. Advocating for Constitutional Protections

First Amendment:

Ensure my right to petition the government for redress of grievances is fully protected by holding state agencies accountable for suppressing FOIA requests and obstructing advocacy efforts.

Fifth Amendment:

Guarantee procedural due process in accessing public records, participating in Medicaid oversight, and ensuring equitable treatment under the law.

Fourteenth Amendment:

Demand equal protection for individuals with disabilities who are excluded from public forums, decision-making processes, and oversight roles due to systemic ADA violations.

5. Supporting Restorative Justice

Advocate for Compensation and Acknowledgment:

Request compensation for the harm caused to myself and others affected by these systemic violations, including delays, barriers to advocacy, and exclusion from public processes.

Seek a public acknowledgment of failures by Connecticut state agencies to ensure accountability and transparency for the public.

Mandate Public Reforms:

Represent the public interest by ensuring systemic reforms that guarantee transparency, accountability, and compliance with federal laws in all future Medicaid operations.

Conclusion

This request explicitly asks the federal government, through OSC and related agencies, to act on behalf of both myself as a whistleblower and the broader public interest, ensuring transparency, equity, and accountability in federally funded programs. The federal government's role is essential to restoring trust in public institutions and protecting the rights of whistleblowers and vulnerable populations.

WHERE ELSE DID YOU REPORT THIS MATTER?



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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:

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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
State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry _ Connecticut (Office of the Attorney General - Connecticut) (2).zip
599875 download.pdf
09.24.2024
Federal_Intervention_HHS_OIG_CMS_GAO_DOJ_OCR_Whistleblower_Report_2024.pdf



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Federal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 11.28.2024 .pdf
Request for Federal Action Constitutional Rights ADA Non-Compliance Whistleblower Retaliation and Gross Mismanagement of Medicaid FundsFederal Representation for Justice DB.42.131.Inf. Medeiros Connecticut 12.02.2024 .pdf
State and Federal FOIA Request for Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program Provider Registry _ Connecticut (Office of the Attorney General - Connecticut) (2).zip

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

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



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