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Rep. Richard Pena Raymond
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Dear Rep. Raymond:

I have decided to write to you at this time because very shortly my financial resources will be entirely gone and at the end of my 40 year career as a dentist, I will find myself pretty much destitute thanks to the continuing Office of Inspector General investigation into my orthodontic dental practice. By January 1, 2014, I will have exhausted all savings, extra income streams and I am planning on closing my practice because I do not have the resources to continue or defend myself. This whole situation has been very hard on myself and my wife who is now my receptionist. She is 67 years old and under the care of Arrington Cancer Center in Lubbock for breast cancer.

We had hoped for a wonderful retirement together but that dream has been shattered.

As you may remember, I testified before you committee earlier this year. I decided to come forward because I couldn't see how the situation could get any worse. I talked about the fact that I was under a 51% payment hold from OIG, reduced from 100% (still didn't get any money for over 3 months), despite the fact that Jack Stick of OIG has told me in an informal meeting that I had not committed fraud. Mr. Stick then stood before your committee and despite that, said that I owed over \$2 million that needed to be paid back to the State.

This 49% that I do receive from the state has not been enough to run my practice which has been mostly Medicaid patients and I have not been able to afford an attorney any further.

In fact, due to the lack of cash flow, I have not been able to make my IRS regular payments and I owe the IRS as of October 15, 2013, \$64,000. Since I haven't paid that, on or about the 15th of December the IRS will place liens on my bank accounts and all holdings.

I have not committed fraud, so why am I being driven into bankruptcy? If Jack Stick wants me to pay back "overpayments" why is he destroying my source of income to pay back funds to the state.

I have spent a lifetime working with Medicaid kids. I accepted a lower fee and knew that going into the Medicaid system. The State of Texas repays my helping poor kids by destroying a 40 year dental practice along with my life and retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul C. Dunn D.D.S." followed by a stylized flourish.

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