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Dear Madam:

I must say that I am profoundly impressed by your courage and conviction for taking a leave of absence from your position at a non-profit hospital while you are engaged in political activity. I had you figured all wrong. I am overcome with respect and awe with your commitment to ethics and professional integrity.

I wish I could say the same thing for Senator Hillary Clinton and her gratuitous pandering to the Adventist Health System as displayed by her video on **You Tube**; posted by a user known only as "**LonchitoKL**".

Obviously the payment for political activity with non-profit charitable tax-exempt dollars does not bother Ms. Clinton (and George W. Bush, who also made such a video on You Tube).

Such commentary by elected officials is a slap in the face to the real victims of the American health care crisis; like **Lawrence Destefano** of Orlando, Florida who requested that a nurse at an Adventist managed elder care center simply change the bandage on his 72 y.o. mother's wound. To retaliate against this man for his outlandish request, the Adventist organization defamed and slandered this man by reporting he had **rectal intercourse** with his mother while she was in a comma (the man received a \$2 Million judgment against the Adventist Health System). See the web-site **www.healthcareretaliation.com**.

Meanwhile, big shot executives at the Adventist Health System – West **make twice as much salary** – on average – as the senior executives of the University of Chicago Hospital. According to tax returns (2005) the Adventist system paid out over \$350,000 in “**political lobbying activities**” while simultaneously they paid less than \$311,000 for workers compensation claims for a 20,000 employee hospital chain).

I hope you can now understand my concern for the co-mingling of charitable funds for political activity. Obviously, my concerns about your integrity were 100% wrong. **When I am wrong I admit it.** I hope you will forgive me for any inconvenience my previous letter of concern may have caused you, your family, or your employer. You are the last person anyone should be concerned about when it comes to professional and political ethics.

Sincerely,

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