

Anthony O'Connell  
439 South Vista Del Rio  
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June 13, 2013

Senator John McCain  
241 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

If the VA in Arizona continues to withhold my medicines it will kill me. I live on the poverty line and can't afford the meds. Please ask your staff to look at <http://www.stoppedmedicine.com> and <http://www.followthetrails.com> . There are tons of covers.

The Director is not supposed to withhold the Veteran's meds and pretend he doesn't know what the problem is or to attack the Veteran's character. Suggested questions:

- (1) Why were the Veteran's medicines stopped?
- (2) Why is the Veteran being led to believe that they were not stopped?
- (3) What does "0 refills remaining" mean to you?
- (3) What is the intent?
- (4) Why is this Veteran treated differently from other veterans?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony OConnell 7637



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The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senator  
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Attn: Suzanne Hernandez

Dear Senator McCain:

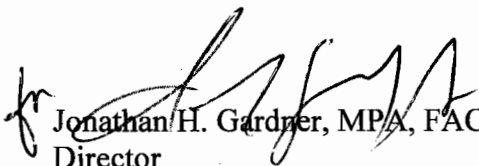
This is in response to your letter dated June 19, 2013, regarding your constituent, Mr. Anthony OConnell and his concerns at the Green Valley Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS). I requested that Mr. John Altevers, Administrative Officer, Community Clinics Care Line, address his concerns.

Mr. OConnell expressed several concerns in his letter to you but specifically asked questions about his prescription renewals, his treatment, and obtaining his living will. Mr. OConnell's current medications were not stopped and were refilled promptly at his request since October 2012. Many medications are renewed annually. In order for Mr. OConnell to obtain further medication refills, he can schedule an appointment with his provider at the Green Valley CBOC by calling (520) 399-2291. If Mr. OConnell needs refills prior to October 2013; he should contact the pharmacy refill line, at (520) 470-8262 and select option four. Mr. OConnell also contacted his provider several times asking that his living will be returned to him. He was advised each time to contact the Release of Information (ROI) office located at the main VA hospital to obtain his living will, as it is not available at the clinic. Mr. OConnell can reach the ROI office at (520) 792-1450, extension 6923.

These are standard VA procedures and all Veterans are provided the same guidance to receive medication refills and to obtain copies of their computerized medical information.

The SAVAHCS strives to provide quality and compassionate care to all of our Veterans. We are very concerned with patient care and the satisfaction of the Veterans we serve. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. John Altevers at (520) 792-1450, extension 4042.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan H. Gardner, MPA, FACHE  
Director  
Southern Arizona  
VA Health Care System

This is a cover up. Trusting the Director's words instead of looking at the evidence such as "0 refills remaining" and following the paper trails, is the culture that led to Secretary Eric Shinseki resigning in 2014. The VA can't be fixed if VA Directors can't be made accountable. Directors have control, not the VA employees in the trenches or the President in the White House,. The laws Congress passes are only as good as they are enforced.

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Reference:

VA Director Jonathan Gardner's letter dated July 12, 2013  
<http://www.tucsonva.com>

Dear Senator McCain,

VA Director Jonathan Gardner's enclosed letter to you of July 12, 2013, is a cover up.  
Please don't allow a cover up.

To begin to remove the cover would require auditing the Tucson VA pharmacy. It is necessary to follow the medicine trails to see where medicine went. Please assume that approximately 100% of the Director's staff and employees will support the Director's letter and no one will support exposing the medicine trails. Insulation is that established.

Removing the cover is a matter of life and death to me. If you choose not to remove the cover it would be helpful if you tell me why. Do I have to be someone with influence or power to be heard? Does the information have to come from a VA whistle blower rather than from a veteran? Is the information too improbable to be believed so the evidence is consequently ignored? Has my credibility been destroyed so completely by the years of uninterrupted attacks on my character that it is taken as truth rather than cover? Are the dynamics too sophisticated to be recognized? Would exposing wrongs within the VA threaten federal dollars going to Arizona?

Sincerely,



Anthony O'Connell

Enclosure: Director's letter of July 12, 2014