



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

March 9, 2005

The Honorable Scott Bloch
U.S. Office of Special Counsel
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Dear Mr. Bloch:

I am writing in regard to the complaint filed on March 3, 2005, by employees at the Office of Special Counsel alleging the undermining of federal law protecting whistleblowers in the office.

The complaint, filed by several anonymous employees of the Office of Special Counsel, alleges you refused to enforce the very whistleblower protections your office is responsible for upholding for your employees. Among the complaints they list are the reassignment of federal employees to offices spread out across the nation based not on performance, but upon discord between yourself and the relocated workers. They also allege you targeted gay employees for relocation and failed to investigate allegations of sexual orientation discrimination.

It is also alleged you dismissed whistleblower cases if they were deemed incomplete, which may have led to the premature closing of hundreds of cases. Additionally, as a result of staff resignations, I have been told the Office of Special Counsel is considering hiring summer interns to assist with closing cases without a thorough investigation.

It seems to me these allegations are very serious and I would appreciate knowing your response.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dave Natonski of my staff at 202/225-5541.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Shays", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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