

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Christine Wormuth
Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0101

Re: Major Sigoloff's Request for Honorable Separation and Waiver of ADSO.

The purpose of this letter is to request an expedited review and approval of Major Samuel Sigoloff's request for honorable separation from the U.S. Armed Services and granting such waivers that may be required for his early retirement under AR 600-8-24 Ch 2-7 Voluntary release from active duty due to hardship. AR600-8-24 Ch. 6-1c allows for Officer Retirement due to "Hardship," with approval authority being the SECARMY. AR600-8-24 Ch 6-14g allow for waving of non-statutory Active-Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) for undue hardship to the officer.

It has been brought to our attention that Major Sigoloff has been the target of retaliation and possibly illegal acts taken by his chain of command taken in response to his issuing medical waivers for some service members regarding the COVID-19 vaccination. Although Dr. Sigoloff acted in his official capacity with these patients as a licensed physician and within existing DOD policy for granting said medical waivers, his commanders instigated a series of retaliatory actions including overturning his medical assessments, relieving him from his medical position, giving him relief for cause Officer Evaluation Report, assigning him to menial duties, and seeking to take away his license to practice medicine.

These retaliatory acts give us cause for grave concern, given the fact that Major Sigoloff acted in an official capacity as a medical professional with his patients.

As we review the facts and circumstances surrounding Major Sigoloff's relief for cause, it is clear that this highly respected doctor will find it virtually impossible to repair and recoup from the hardship he and his family have endured. For that reason, we feel that in accordance with AR 600-8-24 this situation presents hardships greater than those usually experienced by military members or families. This hardship is not temporary and did not exist prior to entry into service. He should be allowed to finish his service to retirement, but having superiors making medical decisions without a license, destroying his reputation, and making his record appear blemished when he has been the one acting with integrity, has made that impractical.

Please consider the following when deliberating our request. Major Sigoloff attended undergrad at Saint Mary's University which was funded by an ROTC scholarship and graduated in 2007. He then had an educational delay and attended Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine which was funded by the military by the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). He completed his Family Medicine residency at Fort Benning, GA, where he was the first graduate of that program to have the skill of performing the procedure of screening colonoscopies. Fort Benning has housed a Family Medicine residency since 1972. He went on to apply for credentials at his next duty station including screening colonoscopy. At every duty station, MAJ Sigoloff has had stellar Officer Evaluation Reports, some comments include:

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- *“CPT Sigoloff is in the top 5% of physicians I have served with during my 12 years on active duty...[he] is 100% dedicated to the beneficiaries under his care.”*
- *“Top 5% of Captains I have worked with in my 14 years of active military service.”*
- *“CPT(P) Sigoloff is among the top five Family Physicians I have served with in my 36 years in the Army and a credit to the Army Medical Corps.”*
- *“Great judgment during patient care...exemplary military Family Physician and Army Officer... MAJ Sigoloff is in the top 10% of all MAJs I currently senior rate. Groom for residency faculty.”*
- *“MAJ Sigoloff is a gifted mentor...excellent clinician...promote ahead of peers to LTC.”*

Now because of a political agenda in the military, his chain of command has harmed the military they are supposed to support and serve. Please see that those in need of his care as a physician receive that care and that he may continue to utilize his training as a physician to serve his patients, community, and colleagues. If the prevailing determination is to force him to stay in the military so that he can be assigned some menial tasks that prevent him from using his impressive professional judgment, then at least allow him to spend that time serving in the reserves.

We urge you to exercise your significant discretion and grant Major Sigoloff’s request for voluntary separation under honorable circumstances.

Respectfully,



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