

AN OPEN LETTER TO HHS SECRETARY ALEX AZAR

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Dear Secretary Alex Azar,

We are concerned that E. Scott Lloyd, director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, is **using his position of leadership to promote a personal, ideological agenda.**

You both swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to faithfully discharge the duties of your office within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Human services should be about protecting people, supporting their health and wellbeing, and serving the public. Instead, **Scott Lloyd is serving his own ideological interests and ignoring the Constitution.** He is violating young women's privacy, right to medical care, and even their safety.

As long as Scott Lloyd remains in this role, **you are endorsing his illegal actions and going back on the oath you took** when you stepped in as Secretary.

As Office of Refugee Resettlement Director, Scott Lloyd has:

- Requested and **received a weekly spreadsheet about every pregnant woman** in ORR custody to track their pregnancies and private medical decisions
- **Denied at least seven immigrant women's requests for abortion** – even when the pregnancy resulted from rape
- **Defied a court's decision** by informing a young woman's abusive parents about her decision to have an abortion
- Been called out by a federal judge for **instituting a "grave constitutional wrong"**
- Personally **attempted to coerce multiple pregnant women** in ORR custody to not have abortions
- **Ordered pregnant women in the agency's custody** to undergo "life-affirming options counseling"

Until you get rid of Scott Lloyd you're stuck with his baggage.

**Secretary Azar, it is time to send Scott Lloyd
– and all his baggage – packing.**

Sincerely,
Equity Forward

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