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May 20, 2005

Chief of Legislative Affairs
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1300 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Chief of Legislative Affairs:

Enclosed is a letter from Chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt, who has requested my assistance in bringing to your attention what he feels is "religious discrimination" and "enforcement of religious conformity" by the United States Navy. In his correspondence, Chaplain Klingenschmitt has provided letters and documents which state that he was punished by superior officers for theological disagreements, ultimately leading to his receiving an unfavorable recommendation for continuation on active duty.

I would appreciate your reviewing the information that has been presented and providing me with your comments. Please address your reply to my state office:

United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
780 Third Avenue, Suite 2601
New York, New York 10017-2024
Attention: Eric Bederman

Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

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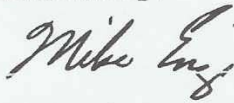

Dear Kevin:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the class action lawsuit filed by 60 Navy Chaplains against the US Navy alleging religious persecution and the mandate by the Navy requiring on-duty sailors to attend a particular church. I appreciated hearing from you.

In an effort to be of every possible assistance to you, I have contacted the United States Navy asking that they review the situation you described. As soon as they have responded to me will be in touch with you again.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be of service to you

Sincerely,



Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator

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THOMAS M. REYNOLDS
26TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Mr. Joseph Schmitz
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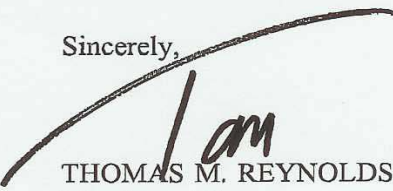
Dear Mr. Schmitz:

My constituent, Capt. Gordon Klingenschmitt, has requested my assistance regarding his desire for you, as the Inspector General for the Department of Defense investigate religious persecution and discrimination against him. Enclosed please find information which explains the situation.

I would appreciate it if you would investigate and comment on these concerns at your earliest opportunity. Please forward your correspondence in care of Sarah Lojacono in my District Office listed above.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



THOMAS M. REYNOLDS
Member of Congress

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Captain Dale Lumme
Director, House Liaison Office
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Dear Captain Dale Lumme:

I have been contacted by one of my constituents, Jered William Hodges, concerning an Equal Opportunity Complaint against the United States Navy for discrimination against sailors with accents, who are trying to serve as journalist.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a reply that will assist me in addressing the concerns raised by my constituent. Please send your response to LaTasha in my Tacoma office.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of the matter. Your assistance in previous inquiries is appreciated.

Sincerely,

NORM DICKS
Member of Congress

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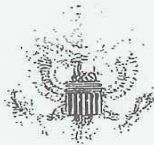
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Rear Admiral Barry Costello
Chief of Legislative Affairs of the Department of the Navy
1300 Navy Pentagon
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Dear Admiral Costello:

I am writing to express my concern on behalf of Chaplain LT Gordon James Klingenschmitt, who, in the scope of his duties, was reprimanded in writing, because he requested kosher meals for Petty Officer Third Class [REDACTED], an Orthodox Jewish Sailor from Modesto, California.

Chaplain LT Klingenschmitt requested kosher meals for Petty Officer [REDACTED] prior to his six week sea tour. These meals were not provided adequately and he lost 17 pounds during this tour. In pursuing these rations, the Chaplain was strictly observing NAVSEVINST 1730.8A, which states that enlisted personnel may be authorized separate rations to accommodate their religious needs. Because of his efforts in pursuing kosher meals for Petty Officer [REDACTED] he was admonished in writing and relieved of his duties.

Chaplain LT Klingenschmitt has been in the service for 14 years, where he graduated from the USAF Academy and then reached the rank of Major. He then became an ordained minister and was later commissioned as a Chaplain in the Navy.

I would appreciate any assistance rendered to Chaplain Klingenschmitt in order that his military service not be jeopardized.

Sincerely,

George Radanovich
Member of Congress

JEFF MILLER
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July 6, 2005

Mr. Nathan Lepper


Dear Mr. Lepper

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns regarding alleged discrimination in the US Navy Chaplaincy. I appreciate knowing your views about the issues affecting Northwest Florida and our nation.

Religious discrimination within our Armed Services is a matter that is taken very seriously by Congress. While I have not heard from others in our district about this issue, I encourage you to file a complaint with the US Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General. The web address at which you can electronically file a complaint is <http://www.dodig.osd.mil/HOTLINE/fwacompl.htm>.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me on this important issue. If you would like to receive further information on issues of importance to you, please log on to my website at <http://jeffmiller.house.gov>. As always, please feel free to contact my office if you have any further concerns.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


Jeff Miller
Member of Congress

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