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Dear Ms. Panico:

It is my understanding that the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (NCBLPC) met April 12-13, 2018, and at that meeting was to entertain my questions and the questions of my colleagues as to whether we were being told that (1) our complaints were alleged to be erroneous in nature and that our complaints were not factually validated or (2) our complaints were factually correct but that the facts did not constitute a violation of the ethical code of the NCBLPC.

It would appear that the consultant did not speak, prior to the Board meeting of April 12-13, 2018, with any of the individuals who filed complaints with the NCBLPC. Thus, numerous physicians who filed complaints with the NCBLPC have not been contacted by anyone representing the NCBLPC at any time since filing the complaints. As you know, a letter signed by some twenty-five people, including attorneys, physicians, PhDs, and others was sent to the Governor of NC, asking for an external review of the NCBLPC by a totally disinterested person and expressing major concern and alarm that the NCBLPC had declined or refused to speak with the persons who filed complaints with the NCBLPC. It appeared there had been no meaningful investigation of the very specific and pointed complaints filed with the NCBLPC.

As you will recall, I filed a Freedom of Information and NC Public Records request dated March 9, 2018 regarding the qualifications of the consultant that the NCBLPC retained. It was, and remains, my opinion that the qualifications of a consultant to a North Carolina board, the members of which are appointed by the Governor and the function of which is to safeguard the public, is public information and should be immediately releasable under the NC Public Records law. I am again asking for a response to that request.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience as to the deliberations of the Board at the April 12-13, 2018 meeting, and a response to the NC Public Records request.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Jesse O. Cavenar, Jr., M.D.