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Dear Mr. Greenhalgh:

Thank you for contacting Taxpayers Against Fraud, The False Claims Act Legal Center (TAF). We have reviewed the information that you sent to us. Unfortunately, TAF is not in a position to join you in filing a False Claims Act lawsuit based on the information you have provided. Please be assured that our decision is not intended to reflect on the merits of your allegations.

TAF is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes awareness of the False Claims Act and provides litigation assistance to private plaintiffs under the Act. Due to our limited resources, TAF can assist in only a small number of cases each year.

You should be aware that, under the False Claims Act, an action must be filed within the later of the following two time periods: (1) six years from the date of the violation of the Act; or (2) three years after the Government knows or should have known about the violation, but in no event longer than ten years after the violation of the Act. (However, at least one district court has interpreted the Act to require that private actions be filed within the six-year, rather than the ten-year, period.) Further, if before you file someone else files a False Claims Act lawsuit or helps to publicize allegations similar to yours, you may lose your right to bring a suit under the Act.

I am returning all of the materials that you sent to us. I am sorry that we are unable to offer you any assistance. Everything you have been through sounds awful. I hope that somehow, someday you will reach a satisfactory resolution. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Alan Shusterman, Esq.
Associate Director

Enclosures