

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6425

August 14, 2015

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

I am writing to inform you that the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) has dismissed the complaints filed against you by the Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW), Marquette Baylor, and the Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust (FACT), requesting an investigation into your handling of allegations of neglect and abuse at the Tomah VA Medical Center, including the dismissal of Marquette Baylor. The Committee found that the complaints lacked substantial merit.

While the Committee does not generally have jurisdiction over an employment dispute, the Committee does have authority to investigate such a matter if the dispute involves conduct that violates the law, Senate Rules or regulations. In this case, however, the complaints do not sufficiently allege facts or provide evidence of a violation of law, Senate Rule or regulation. The Committee has previously concluded that mere allegations, without evidence or information supporting their substantive merit, are insufficient to warrant a preliminary inquiry by the Committee. Accordingly, the Committee has dismissed the complaints, intends to take no further action, and closes these matters. As always, the Committee retains the authority to revisit these matters should additional facts become known to the Committee.

Enclosed are copies of the complaints and the letters of dismissal to RPW, Marquette Baylor and FACT. Please do not hesitate to contact the Committee with any questions.

Sincerely,



Deborah Sue Mayer
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosures: Copy of Complaints
 Copy of Responses