

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 30, 2023

The Honorable Denis R. McDonough
Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Secretary McDonough,

We write to share our strong concerns regarding *Shakeba Morrad*, a United States Attorney at the Office of General Counsel for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who shared a video in which she displayed antisemitic behavior. We are requesting an immediate update on the investigation and any disciplinary actions taken.

In the video posted November 12, 2023, Ms. Morrad actively mocked the Israeli hostages being held captive by Hamas. As you are aware, on October 7th of this year Hamas committed one of the vilest terrorist attacks in recent world history. During this attack the men, women, and children Hamas did not kill were taken back to Gaza to be held as hostages. Ms. Morrad's mocking of these people and their families is unacceptable.

The core values of the Department of Veterans Affairs are Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence. It is clear to us that Ms. Morrad does not embody the values of the Department and therefore has no place within it.

Therefore, we require an update on the investigation into Ms. Morrad for her reprehensible behavior and a clear outline of any disciplinary actions already taken no later than December 5, 2023.

Sincerely,



Morgal Luttrell (R-TX)
Member of Congress

CC: Acting General Counsel Richard J. Hipolit



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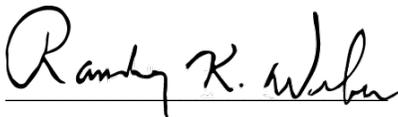
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Mike Carey (R-OH)
Member of Congress