

June 15, 2016

To: Dr. Ben Lanza

From: Samuel J Meyer Jr

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Lexington, SC 29072

CC: Honorable Joe Wilson

CC: Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina

Re: Thank You

Hi Ben. I would like to thank you and your staff for the excellent treatment I have received and the encouraging nature of your office. While you were looking at my feet, we had many great conversations about life, jobs, politics, fishing, boating, & many more. You were full of great suggestions and I used many to help my overall health and my customers. I greatly respect you.

I deeply regret that our government is forcing me out of your practice – 2 visits per year won't work for me and it's a shame they won't allow me to pay you personally for treatment that is above their "do it my way" instructions. Do they have a license to practice medicine? Do they know your patient's conditions as well as you know their conditions? I don't think so. I will be 72 years old in July, have Parkinson's Disease, and you have kept me "on my feet", which has allowed me to pay taxes rather than receiving taxes/aid from the government. The government tells me that I earn too much money to just pay my Medicare fees, but I must also pay for another person's. Is the person I am supporting doing all they can to earn an income? My wife and I are compassionate and giving is important to our family, but to be forced to support those who don't try to work and be forced to be separated from a great podiatrist doesn't make sense. I am a Navy veteran, worked my way through college, have paid lots of taxes, and my wife was 40 years old when she started nursing school to help pay for our children's college education.

My research indicates that there aren't many experienced podiatrists in Columbia and government should not be forcing us to obtain another provider. Don't we want good doctors in South Carolina that want to keep people working? Isn't that good for the nation and our state? I am sending a copy of this to the Honorable Joe Wilson and the Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina to voice my concern. You have made my life better and forcing us to separate is bad for everyone.

God's Blessings & Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam", written in black ink.

Samuel J Meyer Jr

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GOOD MORNING
GOVERNOR, WE HAVE
MET AT NORTHSIDE
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WITH
YOUR SON AND MY GRANDSON,
BRENNEN CAUDILL
PLAYED BASKETBALL.
DOES HE STILL HAVE
A GREAT 3 POINT SHOT?
HOW DOES HE LIKE HIS NEW
SCHOOL? HAVE A GREAT DAY - JESS