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From: Jaffe, David M.  
Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2018 7:37 AM  
To: Danny Varat  
Subject: Complaint by Darron Barksdale re CVS

Dear Mr. Varat:

Recently Darron Barksdale spoke with Lieutenant Governor Bryant about issues relating to his employment with CVS Pharmacy, which ended in 2011. Lieutenant Governor Bryant referred Mr. Barksdale to Senator Alexander, whose office in-turn contacted CVS. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the allegations that Mr. Barksdale raised, which are copied for your reference below. By way of background, CVS employed Mr. Barksdale as a Pharmacist until his employment was terminated in January 2011. Mr. Barksdale has complained repeatedly to CVS about his separation over the years. The Company has looked into the matter on more than one occasion and we continue to believe strongly that Mr. Barksdale's separation was reasonable and appropriate.

Regarding Mr. Barksdale's allegations about the Esteem database, Esteem was a "retail theft contributory database" product offered by LexisNexis. While CVS once participated in the Esteem database program, the Company voluntarily chose to discontinue its participation in Esteem in early 2013. In May 2013, the Company received confirmation that all data CVS had contributed to the Esteem database was removed from that system, which would have included any data related to Mr. Barksdale's employment with CVS. CVS has informed Mr. Barksdale of this fact on numerous occasions in the past.

If you have any further questions regarding Mr. Barksdale's allegations, please feel free to contact me at my office.

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Mr. Barksdale's initial email:

Senator Alexander,  
Kevin Bryant met me at a breakfast in seneca.he emailed me saying you might have committees interested in my testimony. I am a pharmacist that worked for CVS 16 years. Hardly missed a day. They placed me on a theft Database known as Esteem but I assure you in has nothing to do with self esteem. I had a valid prescription for depakote a non control. I left it at home and was working a twelve hour shift. SC law says I could give an emergency supply even to myself. CVS says I broke policy. They've never shown one. They terminated me. If they had just terminated me I could have walked to another pharmacy and gotten a job.

They placed me on Esteem without my knowledge of its existence or that I was placed on it. It works like this. Your name gets entered and shared with any company that subscribes worldwide. And you're automatically declined hire because of it. Both my private healthcare info was shared by it and my termination info. Yet CVS in Rhode Island only says I'm non-rehireable. They won't say why. I tried to talk to an old DM. He had a lawyer issue a cease and desist. I spoke out against my supervisor during that period and got arrested for harassment. Now I firmly believe if someone's

Innocent they'll meet you and talk face to face. If guilty they lawyer up. I've communicated with Larry Merlo he passes the buck to no avail. CEO of CVS. I've lost 2 million dollars and can't get anyone to help me get hired. I've been made unmarketable in my profession. I need a voice. I need one now. And I need help. The database has caused a severe employment gap. Another obstacle to hire outside retail. You know I can't even be hired to stock shelves and I've been to forty countries every state. I'm somewhat fluent in French and speak phrases in ten other languages but I'm not worthy to work in a local pharmacy??

Best Regards,

Darron Barksdale,Rph

I am the only known pharmacist on this database. Did I win the anti lottery prize or what?

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