



National Disabled Veterans Business Council, Inc.

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Dear Senator Marco Rubio,

My name is Michael Bolduc and I serve as the Board President for the National Disabled Veteran Business Council, Inc., a 501 (c) 19 Nationally Recognized Veteran Service Organization which serves as an advocate to Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses coupled with accountability and oversight for not-for-profit Veteran initiatives.

The purpose of this letter is twofold; first, to bring to your attention the egregious behavior from the VA towards the NDVBC and the Veterans we serve, and secondly, to ask for your assistance with resolution to this behavior.

The VA Central Office in Washington, DC has vetted the NDVBC and has given verbal and written confirmation of, National Recognition as a Veteran Service Organization, but to date, has failed to provide the official documentation stating such.

The NDVBC has been promised multiple times that the official documentation will be provided by the VA Central Office and has failed to deliver as promised. As well, the National Registry that the VA maintains, of which the NDVBC will be added to, has not been updated since 2014. There are many on that list that do not qualify to be on the National Registry and should be re-examined for a sound National Registry. As the NDVBC is headquartered in West Palm Beach, FL the local WPB VA Hospital is a central point for South Florida Veterans, as well as for all Veteran affiliated organizations. For years, the WPB VA has marginalized the NDVBC by claiming it is illegal to refer any Veterans to the NDVBC or any NGO. It is a very publically known fact that the WPB VA has very close working relationships with many local NGO's and continually refers Veterans to their entitlement programs.

Even with the NDVBC's recent National Recognition and the WPB VA's knowledge of this fact, there is still a considerable amount of push-back with any Veteran referrals to the NDVBC. As well, the WPB VA is not allowing the NDVBC to have a presence or even share space with the other Veteran Service Organizations located on their campus.

The NDVBC has financially supported its own empowerment Veteran initiatives from its inception, by earning its own income, and not receiving or reliant on any Government or public sector monies.

The NDVBC is respectfully requesting the assistance from your office for the items mentioned above:

1. Receive official National Recognition from the VA Central Office in Washington, DC
2. Investigate as to the egregious behavior from the WPB VA towards the NDVBC.

The NDVBC, and the Veteran community that we serve, thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your assistance for resolution.

Enthusiastically,

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