

United States Senate

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The Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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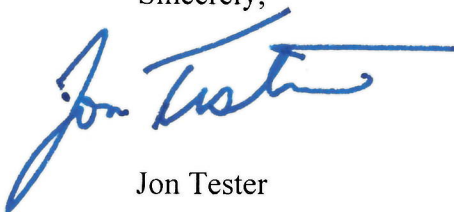
Dear Secretary Azar,

I am writing to you today about the Indian Health Service's (IHS) refusal to release a report detailing the agency's decades-long mishandling of convicted sex-offender Dr. Stanley Patrick Weber. This lack of transparency demonstrates a complete disregard for Dr. Weber's victims, their families, and the future of the Indian Health Service.

Dr. Weber abused multiple boys while working as a pediatrician at IHS hospitals in Browning, MT and Pine Ridge, SD. Time-and-time again IHS protected Dr. Weber, allowing him to continue working with children despite complaints of abuse. The agency's mishandling of this case continues to impact these victims and their communities today. IHS failed to protect the very people it is intended to serve.

Indian Health Services must be held accountable, and the findings from the independent investigation will be crucial to ensuring that these crimes never occur again. I strongly urge you to release a version of this report to the public.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester