

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Alex M. Azar
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

We write concerning Stanley Patrick Weber and the announcement he will continue receiving a government pension funded through your Department despite being a convicted pedophile. As you know, Mr. Weber is a former Indian Health Service (IHS) pediatrician who was recently convicted for molesting children during his time at the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. He faces additional charges in South Dakota for more unspeakable crimes.

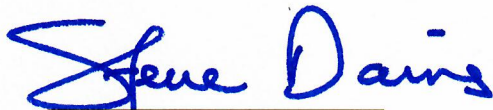
According to a recent Wall Street Journal article, Mr. Weber will continue receiving an annual pension for the duration of his life. Mr. Weber, a former captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, collects around \$100,000 per year in retirement pay, meaning he could receive over \$1.8 million while in prison for his current 18 year sentence.

We are appalled by Mr. Weber's actions and the manner in which IHS repeatedly turned a blind eye to the reported suspicions raised by his behavior. We understand you and Admiral Weahkee are looking into this matter and we appreciate your current efforts to clean up the egregious systemic breakdown that enabled Mr. Weber to abuse children for decades. While investigations are ongoing and justice is being served, we urge you to take whatever action necessary, within your authority, to prevent Mr. Weber from receiving his pension.

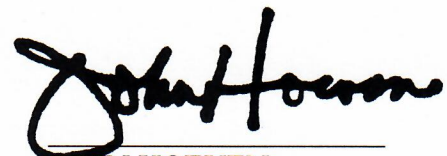
If the Department of Health and Human Services cannot stop Mr. Weber's pension payments, then we stand ready to provide any assistance necessary from Congress that will fix this flawed system. A convicted pedophile should not receive one cent of taxpayer money while serving time in prison. This cannot stand.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator



JOHN HOEVEN
United States Senator