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RE: Cease and Desist

County Executive Kerkman,

I represent the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County, Illinois. The Commission has become aware that one of your Division of Veteran Services employees, Sherry Kruse, has made and continues to make, patently false and defamatory statements about Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County, Andrew Tangen, and the operation of the Office of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County. The Commission demands that you take action to have this employee immediately cease and desist making any false and defamatory statements about the Commission and its Superintendent.

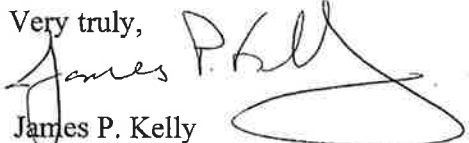
Further, we believe that these statements have been made by Sherry Kruse in her official capacity as Veterans Benefits Representative, in her dealings with veterans in Kenosha County who are also members of Veteran Service Organization American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War Posts in Lake County, Illinois. The Veterans Assistance Commission's objective is to serve veterans and Ms. Kruse's statements are made to undermine veterans' confidence in the Commission, and its Superintendent. Ms. Kruse is a disgruntled employee, whose statements are the result of a vendetta against the Commission arising from her departure from the Commission.

In addition, as covered in the recent Kenosha County Eye article, Sherry Kruse is currently under investigation by the Gurnee Police Department for her actions while employed at the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County.

This letter serves as an official request for you to direct Sherry Kruse and other employees of the Kenosha County Division of Veteran Services to cease and desist all making any false and defamatory statements about Superintendent Tangen and the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly,


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