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July 18, 2018

Illinois Primary Health Care Association
542 S. Dearborn, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60605

Re: Incident with Mr. Raul Garza

Dear IPHCA Membership,

I am shocked and saddened to learn of the abhorrent behavior displayed by Mr. Bruce Johnson, former CEO of your organization, towards a person of Mexican-American descent who not only exemplifies great character but is the embodiment of what we in this society should hold as the ideal of the American Dream. I was equally shocked and dismayed that a group of his peers showed such disregard and lack of respect for the indignity that Mr. Raul Garza endured. Such treatment is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

Mr. Raul Garza has an exemplary career trajectory and has demonstrated his commitment to community service over the years. His work provides critical services to often overlooked populations in under-resourced communities, many of whom are immigrants much like his own family. As an elected official, I hope to continue empowering more individuals and organizations like Aunt Martha's who dedicate their talent and resources for our families.

I denounce the behavior of the leadership and executive committee for allowing this conduct to occur and for causing Mr. Garza further humiliation by not immediately reacting as they should have, with immediate and swift action for justice. I can assure you that I stand with Mr. Garza and expect that your organization properly take steps and measures to never allow this to happen again. Such conduct towards a person of any background is inadmissible. Moreover, I hope that you include Mr. Garza as an active leader and allow him to lend his voice for market change.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at (312) 603-5443.

Sincerely,

Jesús G. García
Cook County Commissioner, 7th District