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Wolfe Campaign Uses Private Medical Records to Campaign *Candidate's Actions Unethical and Potentially Illegal*

FAIRFAX – The Fairfax County Democrats have received calls from concerned and angered residents who are or once were patients of the Kaufman, Sampson and Wolfe Dermatology practice who received a letter from the practice soliciting support for Bryan Wolfe's campaign for Sheriff, reported FCDC Chair Cesar del Aguila. "The patients were worried about a potential breach in privacy and unethical use of their patient information for use in political communications," del Aguila said.

The letter sent on Kaufman, Sampson and Wolfe Dermatology letterhead and "Paid for and Authorized by Friends of Bryan Wolfe" was addressed "To Our Valued Patients" encouraging them to "please consider voting for my husband, Bryan Wolfe, on Tuesday, November 5th." Dr. Kelly Wolfe, Bryan's wife, and her father Dr. Joseph Kaufman, signed the letter. This release of information to a political campaign is not only an unethical breach of confidentiality but is also a potential violation of HIPAA regulations.

Under HIPAA rules, release of a patient's information for marketing purposes is only permitted when the patient has provided written permission. The release of a patient's private information, including their name, address and confirmation that they are indeed a patient of a certain practice is a serious breach of confidentiality and unethical. Patients' records should only be released when the health of the patient is of concern.

"We have concerns about the ethical implications of Bryan Wolfe's use of protected personal health-related information for the purpose of campaigning, and how this lapse in ethics might lead to further lapses should he be elected. There are enough public sources of information for use in political communications so there is no reason for a campaign to harvest private patient records," continued Cesar del Aguila.

A copy of the letter in question is attached to this press release.

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To Our Valued Patients,

October 11, 2013

As some of you may know, my husband, Bryan Wolfe, is running for Fairfax County Sheriff. I know him best as a loving husband and father, which is recommendation enough for me. He also has over 30 years of law enforcement experience which he will utilize in order to better protect you.

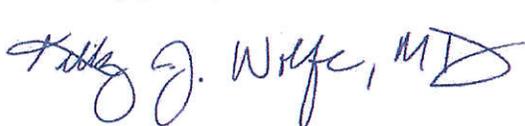
The most recent sheriff left office unexpectedly halfway through his term, creating the need for a special election, and Bryan believes that restoring integrity to the Sheriff's Office, as well as restoring trust on the part of Fairfax County taxpayers, is essential. Bryan is so committed to bringing change to the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office & feels so deeply connected to the citizens of Fairfax County, where he has lived and served for over 30 years, that **he has pledged, if elected Sheriff, to donate his entire 2-year salary of \$320,000 to Fairfax County charities.**

Bryan's platform has 2 main issues. Right now, the Adult Detention Center is the de facto largest mental health institution in Virginia. Inmates whose real problems are mental and not legal are jailed alongside career criminals. Bryan will establish a Crisis Intervention Team which focuses on training of law enforcement officers in dealing with the mentally ill, and which also focuses on getting the proper treatment for these individuals so that Fairfax County taxpayers aren't on the hook for keeping them in jail. Bryan also wants to add video surveillance cameras to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center in order to better protect deputies and staff, as well as to help prevent inmate-on-inmate crime.

You may have already decided on a candidate in the sheriff's race; if so, this letter is not meant to criticize or to attempt to change your mind. If, however, you are undecided about the candidates in the sheriff's race, please consider voting for my husband, Bryan Wolfe, on Tuesday, November 5th.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note. If you want more information regarding Bryan and his campaign, you can visit his website at <http://www.wolfeforsheriff.com>

Sincerely yours,



Kelly J. Wolfe, M.D.



Joseph H. Kaufman, M.D.

