



United States Senate

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Mrs. Celeste Dobbs
335 Ponmungom Circle
Oceanside, California 92054

Dear Mrs. Dobbs:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your son. I appreciate your frustration with this matter.

Your situation appears to involve litigation or may require litigation under the judicial system. Members of Congress are precluded from inquiring into matters pending before the courts by provisions of the Constitution that mandate a separation of powers between the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative branches. I am unable to intervene because my involvement in your present situation may be viewed as an interference in the judicial process.

However, you may choose to contact your attorney or call the Florida Bar Referral Service at (800) 342-8011. They can provide a referral for the Legal Aid organization in your community or for an attorney who will agree to provide a one hour consultation for a small fee.

Again, thank you for getting in touch with me. I hope this matter will be resolved to your satisfaction. If I can be of further assistance with any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Nelson".

BN/cb