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Michelle has been extremely important in my life. I was homeless and living out of my car and was at rock bottom and pushing everyone away because of my Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) from my injuries in Iraq.

My inability to resolve problems with the VA by myself since my discharge had seriously affected my healing process and was a significant factor in my becoming homeless.

I was fortunate, however, that Michelle was determined to help me. She became my official VA caregiver and my guardian angel. She worked diligently to try to get me the care that I needed. Even though I am now doing better my issues with the VA continue to be unresolved.

We went to Bob Filner for assistance when he was in Congress and he encouraged us to seek him out again if appropriate corrective measures were not taken by the VA. I feel deeply disappointed and upset by Mayor Filner's misconduct towards Michelle. I don't appreciate

being used as a bargaining chip to fulfill his sexual desires.

Michelle found herself in this situation when all she was doing was trying to get help for me. Mayor Filner has increased the stress level for both of us and has made things worse.

I am blessed to have Michelle in my life. We will continue to cross this battlefield together, but I hope that Mayor Filner will never have the opportunity or be in a position to do what he did to Michelle to any other person ever again.

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