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### Health Freedom Organizations Nationally Call for Investigation of the NC State Bar

**Columbus, OH:** Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF), a non-profit and non-partisan organization, and one of the nation's prominent health freedom groups, is leading a national effort of 74 health freedom organizations in a call for an independent investigation of the North Carolina State Bar.

In late 2017, a number of these organizations filed complaints with the NC State Bar Grievance Chair that were, according to the organizations, never properly investigated due to the unlawful suppression of their complaints by the NC State Bar. The organizations represent over 150,000 citizen activists throughout the country.

- In February of 2017, the NC State Bar issued a Letter of Warning to a NC attorney, Alan Phillips, who advocates for health freedom activists nationally, that the complaining organizations believe contained false information.
- The Letter of Warning to Phillips followed a California woman's complaint against Phillips to the NC State Bar in August of 2016. The NC Bar sent a letter about Phillips' warning to the California woman in February of 2017, who promptly posted her letter on the internet. Activists in these health freedom organizations noticed that the Bar's letter was contradicted by social media posts from both the California woman and Phillips, which raised questions about the truthfulness of the NC State Bar's alleged facts in its Letter of Warning to Phillips.
- The organizations believe that the NC State Bar is attacking Phillips based on false information, and want a prompt and proper independent investigation of the NC State Bar, as the NC State Bar is presently suing Phillips based on what the organizations believe is a false Letter of Warning and other false claims in an effort to undermine Phillips' legitimate work related to health freedom.
- The organizations point out that Phillips has posted substantial documentation, including the Letter or Warning and documentation including independent legal experts' analyses, that reveal a years-long pattern of serious misconduct on the part of a small group of attorneys at the NC State Bar. Much of this documentation can be freely found online at [barwatchonline.org](http://barwatchonline.org). This is a serious matter with national implications.
- In response to the alleged NC State Bar misconduct, OAMF is leading a national grassroots project that has resulted in thousands of emails, letters, and phone calls from concerned citizens around the country to NC State officials in all three branches of state government, demanding an independent investigation of their and Phillips' complaints against NC State Bar attorneys.



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- The organizations insist that none of the complaints filed against NC State Bar attorneys over a year ago have ever been properly assessed, due to suppression of those complaints by the NC State Bar. If the NC State Bar has done nothing wrong, why would they work so hard to prevent an independent investigation?
  - OAMF reports that in early March of this year, 19 North Carolina officials received over 50+ pages documenting a years-long pattern of misconduct on the part of a small group of attorneys at the NC State Bar. To date, to the best of OAMF's knowledge, those officials have remained silent as to whether they are taking action on this matter.

OAMF is urging North Carolina television station's investigative reporting teams to look into this matter.

**About Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom:** Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (OAMF) is an organization of citizens from all walks of life and all corners of the state. We are more than 5,000 strong and growing. Our mission is to protect and preserve medical freedom and informed consent for all Ohio citizens. For further information: [www.OhioAMF.org](http://www.OhioAMF.org)

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