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Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, Inc
Attn: Cara Tolliver and Daniel P. Lenington
330 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Suite 725
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Email: Cara@will-law.org

Re: OCR Transaction Number: 24-585977

Dear Ms. Tolliver and Mr. Lenington:

Please be advised that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR),¹ received a complaint from the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, Inc., on behalf of the Do No Harm organization, dated August 14, 2024. The complaint alleges that the Cleveland Clinic is in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964² and Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act³ (Section 1557). Specifically, the complaint alleges that Cleveland Clinic treats white individuals differently from certain racial and ethnic minorities in the tailoring and provision of services provided through its Minority Stroke Program and Minority Men's Health Center.

OCR has reviewed the complaint and has determined that it has sufficient authority and cause to investigate the allegations under its authorities. Therefore, we have initiated an investigation and will contact you should we need any additional information. In the meantime, if you have documentation supporting your claim that you have not yet provided OCR, please provide copies of those documents at your earliest convenience.

When we reach a determination regarding your complaint, we will advise you of our findings. If you have questions, you may contact Gabriela Anastasopoulou, Policy Advisor at Gabriela.Anastasopoulou@hhs.gov. When contacting this office, please remember to include the transaction number, referenced above, that we have given this file.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shieh
Associate Deputy Director

¹ OCR enforces Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in the delivery of health and human services based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, conscience, and religion. OCR also enforces the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules.

² 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80.

³ 42 U.S.C. § 18116, as implemented by 45 C.F.R. Part 92.