

SNF care. This issue has directly affected my constituents and I am seeking to put an end to this problem by eliminating the requirement for a 3 day stay prior to beneficiaries accessing SNF care.

Finally, I recognize that some critics may say there is a substantial cost to this legislation and that the cost to the Medicare program is simply too great. I believe that some of the cost associated with this legislation could be offset. First, as described above, there is a potential savings in reducing some HALs that Medicare beneficiaries acquire during the inpatient stay since the beneficiaries can now go straight to a SNF when medically indicated. Second, I note that there will be a decrease in the use of inpatient hospitals by this population when beneficiaries are ready to go straight to a SNF. Third, I note that beneficiaries deserve the best care that we can afford to them. As such, the right policy in this regard is to allow them to access SNF care where medically appropriate as certified by a physician. Finally, the legislation contains certain protections to protect against fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare program relative to this benefit. First, a physician certification continues to be required prior to a beneficiary being able to access SNF services. Second, the legislation requires CMS to develop uniform requirements that will allow CMS and its contractors to audit to ensure that SNF care is appropriate.

For all of these reasons, the Fairness for Beneficiaries Act of 2013 is the right thing to do. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

REMEMBERING CHARLES WILLIAM "BILL" MALONEY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Charles William "Bill" Maloney and thank him for his service to country and community.

On September 6, with his loved ones at his side, Bill passed away peacefully at the age of 91.

A native of Kansas, Bill was surrounded by aviation from an early age. This would eventually influence his life long career in aviation. He entered the Army Air Corps during World War Two and flew C47 aircraft missions in the Pacific theater. After the war, he returned to the mainland and earned his undergraduate degree from Washburn University and then moved to Marietta, Georgia in 1952. There, he began a 36-year long career with Lockheed Martin. He would later graduate from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 1957.

Bill was a role model and community leader. He took pride in civic service and served on—and chaired—the Kennestone Hospital Board of Authority, the Marietta City Zoning Board, and the Marietta School Board. Furthermore, he was an active parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where he and his wife, Dorothy, actively volunteered regularly.

His colleagues and friends will always remember Bill as someone who took pride in his profession, cared deeply about his community, loved his family, and enjoyed golfing with his friends.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Bill's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for their loss. It saddens me to know that the world is missing an honorable and dedicated man, but I am humbled to know that he is now in a better place.

HONORING JEFFREY MATTISON FOR HIS LIFETIME DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeffrey Mattison of Franklin Township, New Jersey for his distinguished tenure as the Executive Director of The Arc of Hunterdon County. The Arc of Hunterdon County is a non-profit agency dedicated to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Under Jeff's leadership The Arc has expanded to now provide permanent residences to more than 100 individuals and additional services to daily residents and family members. Jeff's service included 12 years on the board shaping the direction of the organization. Jeff has also enjoyed a 28-year career in commercial lending, working for several Hunterdon County community banks.

Jeff's commitment to community service is also highlighted by his leadership roles with the New Jersey Bankers Association, Builders Association of Northwest New Jersey, Rotary Club of Flemington and the United Way of Hunterdon County. I congratulate Jeff for being recognized by the Raritan Township Republican Club with its Outstanding Community Service Award.

LETTER TO FBI DIRECTOR COMEY ON NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT FINDING FBI FIELD OFFICES VIOLATED PGLICY PROHIBITING NON-INVESTIGATIVE COOPERATION WITH CAIR

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD the letter I sent to FBI Director James Comey today in response to troubling findings in a new report by the Justice Department's Inspector General (IG) detailing repeated violations by FBI field offices with regard to the bureau's longstanding policy prohibiting non-investigative cooperation with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). I requested this investigation two years ago after learning of some of these violations.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 19, 2013.

Hon. JAMES COMEY,

*Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington,
DC.*

DEAR DIRECTOR COMEY: Two years ago, I wrote the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General requesting an investigation into FBI field office compliance with the bureau's 2008 policy prohibiting non-in-

vestigative cooperation with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). I was deeply concerned to learn of multiple occasions when several FBI field offices had continued to work with CAR despite the clear policy issued by the bureau.

This policy was initially implemented after CAIR was identified as an undicted coconspirator in the trial of the Holy Land Foundation which, according to a Justice Department press release issued May 27, 2009, reported that "U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis sentenced the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF) and five of its leaders following their convictions by a federal jury in November 2008 on charges of providing material support to Hamas, a designated foreign terrorist organization." The sentences ranged from 15 years to 65 years in prison. The release continued: "From its inception, HLF existed to support llamas. . . . The government's case included testimony that in the early 1990's, Hamas' parent organization, the Muslim Brotherhood, planned to establish a network of organizations in the U.S. to spread a militant Islamist message and raise money for llamas. . . . The defendants sent HLF-raised funds to Hamas-controlled zakat committees and charitable societies in the West Bank and Gaza."

Today, the department's inspector general, Michael Horowitz, released his final report, Review of FBI Interactions with the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which confirms the blatant disregard of bureau policy as well as multiple enacted Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations reports with respect to interactions by the FBI with CAIR. Despite repeated efforts to communicate the policy to the field, this was undermined by conflicting guidance being inexplicably offered by the bureau's Office of Public Affairs as well as by outright violations from several field offices.

Specifically, the OIG report found that the former Special Agents-in-Charge (SAC) of the Chicago, Illinois, Los Angeles, California, and New Haven, Connecticut field offices violated the department's policy, despite numerous electronic communications articulating the policy as well as a mandatory meeting held in November 2008 with all SACs and Assistant Directors-in-Charge to communicate the policy in person. There should have been no confusion about this policy given the bureau guidance, Congressional direction and media coverage surrounding this directive.

Despite this direction, the OIG report makes clear that the leadership of several field offices knowingly ignored or selectively applied the policy to suit their interests. In one case documented in the report, the SAC of the LA field office wrote an e-mail to his staff explicitly noting: "Please instruct your folks at this time that they are not to abide by the [October 24, 2008, Electronic Communication from the REDACTED], but that their direction in regards to CAIR will come from the LA Field Office front office." This is unacceptable and insubordinate behavior from a senior leader of the FBI.

What concerns me even more is that the OIG only reviewed five instances of reported violations of the policy, which could represent only a fraction of the overall number of violations that may have taken place at other field offices. The findings in the report suggest that the FBI may have a systemic problem with the violation of this important policy and does not reflect well on the bureau's compliance with other policies.

This documented failure to abide by FBI direction is intolerable. I ask that you immediately take action to ensure such a failure in policy coordination and management is not repeated, and advise me what specific actions you are taking to ensure FBI policy

with regard to interactions with CAIR is clear, unambiguous, and complied with by all FBI components.

Additionally, I am asking you to immediately remove any FBI agents or employees that knowingly violated this policy or offered conflicting guidance that undermined the policy—particularly the SACs of the Chicago, Philadelphia and New Haven Field Of-

fices who approved and carried out actions that directly contravened established policy and law—and report to the Congress on what disciplinary actions are being taken. I would expect discipline to include, but not be limited to, separation from the FBI.

Please provide me with an update on both of these actions, including any disciplinary

actions taken, by no later than September 30.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,

*Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies*