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Civil Rights and Whistleblower Groups March Against EPA Administrator Johnson to demand end to Racism and Whistleblower Retaliation

“Enough is enough” was the theme as prominent whistleblower leaders led by civil rights icon former Congressman the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy marched against the US Environmental Protection Agency. “We have embarked on a campaign of direct action, in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., against the federal government until it demonstrates zero tolerance for discrimination and retaliation against whistleblowers. We will not sit idle and wait for more senseless and stress-related deaths, like that of EPA employee Patricia Lawson. Nor will we tolerate more retaliatory entrapments that lead to prison like in the case of Jon T. Grand. Equally unacceptable is the continuation of life threatening harassment like in the case of Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo.”

Tom Devine, National Legal Director, Government Accountability Project (GAP) "Our effort to talk is an opportunity for the Administrator. EPA is operating illegally through institutionalized violations of the anti-gag statute. A de facto Official Secrets Act and an environment of fear do nothing to protect America's environment. In fact, those routine tactics amount to bureaucratic pollution. If he begins a dialogue with us, Mr. Johnson can start the process of leadership to solve ingrained problems that he inherited. If he continues to duck us, he will confirm that his rhetoric is dirty hot air."

Zena Crenshaw, Executive Director of the National Judicial Conduct and Disability Law Project called on Administrator Johnson to make good on the promise of President Kennedy when he said “in this country there will be a remedy for every wrong. Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo and other federal workers have waited too long for their remedy.”

Matthew Fogg, candidate for the National President of Blacks in Government, “ this fight represents the mission of our organization. We simply can not allow the federal government to continue to destroy African-Americans with impunity. The federal government is leaving us no choice to be return to the streets and fight for justice.”

"Dr. Coleman-Adebayo", said Stephen Kohn, President of the National Whistleblower Center, "led the successful efforts for the first civil right and whistleblower protection law passed in the 21st century (No FEAR). The Administrator of EPA has attempted to unethically use Dr. Coleman-Adebayo's medical condition to force her resignation from federal employment. *One word describes this conduct: despicable.* The National Whistleblower Center has established a national legal defense fund in order to finance her ability to continue to fight for justice. The fund can accept donations online at www.whistleblowers.org. or by mail at P.O. Box 3768, Washington, D.C 20027.

Wrongfully fired EPA Attorney Steve Spiegel observed: it's ashame that the country is

more focused on the health of a race horse than the persecution of an ailing civil right leader."

Rev. Segun Adebayo " we will never give up this fight for human dignity. They have attempted to destroy my wife, Marsha, but they have underestimated the resolve of our family. This is not only a fight for our family but the families of all federal government workers."

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