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Dear **Keith Sonderling**, *Purveyor of AI and Labor*:

While we wait for the legal system to work its way towards justice, I thought we could address some other pressing issues for the nation where we may share common concerns.

I've got one use case for government AI - *only one* - because it's all we need: the **Digital Citizen Assistant** (DCA). Assign it like a Social Security Number, tied unbreakably to U.S. citizenship. This isn't some bloated *bureaucracy bot* like the one's each stovepipe in government is demanding. It's a lean, mean, U.S. citizen-first tool with a single mission: **protect me**, *represent me*, and **keep the government off my back** - all at zero cost for unlimited use by citizens.

The Core: This DCA is my *personal attorney* - digital, relentless, and mine to command. It's got **attorney-client privilege baked in**, same as any flesh-and-blood lawyer like you or the one's I've been forced to hire to fight you, but it's not human - it's a machine I control. Like donors control you. It's my legal face to the world, **enforcing my rights so I don't drown in red tape** *or* **get steamrolled by you** *and other government lawyers***.**

<u>What It Does</u>:

• **Legal Watchdog:** Monitors my affairs 24/7 - taxes, property, **privacy**. Catches the IRS shorting my Social Security account or the feds illegally invading my house, then pulls digital receipts (warrants, timestamps, ***IG reports***, you name it) and files lawsuits faster than a process server on a caffeine binge.

• **FOIA Enforcer:** I want records? It submits the request, chases it down, and hauls your ass to court when you stonewall me - no lawyer fees, no hassle.

• **Tax Mule:** Files my returns, flags discrepancies, and squares me up with the SSA - all automatic, all accurate.

• **Law Whisperer:** Tracks every regulation or statute that could touch me - local, state, federal - and pings me with plain-English breakdowns. No more “ignorance of the law” excuses; it’s my shield against gotchas like opposing racism and being sentenced to a life in hell because of it.

• **Liberty Lock:** If the government oversteps - say, a Fourth Amendment violation like on February 13, 2025, when two alleged Department of Labor agents tried breaking into my screen porch with no warrant, flashing shaky credentials about “emails” I sent - it’s on it. My DCA would cite **18 U.S.C. § 241** for conspiracy against my rights, **§ 242** for abuses under color of law, and **§ 4** when you and members of Congress hid their tracks so you could be confirmed - and fight back like a pitbull with a law degree for me and my family at no charge.

The Why: If I’m stuck obeying your rules about how to oppose racism, then you owe me a defender. Not some clunky chatbot - a no-fee, AI-powered advocate that levels the playing field. President Trump’s team wants efficiency? Cut the middlemen - give every citizen a **DCA** and watch the system shrink while freedom grows. This isn’t about handouts; it’s about handing me the tools to stay free. I’ve barely scratched the surface - **imagine it negotiating** permits, appealing fines, or shredding unlawful mandates in real time.

The Ask: Make this the lone star of government AI. Root it in citizenship, seal it with privilege, and roll it out as the citizen’s weapon against bureaucratic overreach and government abuse by people like you. Look at **'A Decade of Defiance: One Marine’s Battle Against the U.S. Department of Labor’s Conspiracy of Corruption' -** that’s me, **John Stuart Edwards**, a retired Marine who’s spent ten years slugging it out with your DOL. You hit me with racism cover-ups, retaliation, and goons at my porch on February 13, 2025, over emails calling out your corruption. Sacks and Kratsios are Trump’s tech aces, the ones who can turn this idea into a win. Tell them to build the DCA, arm every citizen with an AI guardian **like the one I needed**, and show the world America’s grit: a nation of fighters, armed and ready to take down the swamp, one battle at a time.

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A Decade of Defiance: One Marine’s Battle Against the U.S. Department of Labor’s Conspiracy of Corruption

By John Stuart Edwards, U.S.M.C. Retired
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I am John Stuart Edwards, a retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran, a former technology executive, and a government whistleblower who has spent the last decade fighting for my constitutional rights - and the rights of those I swore to protect. This is my story, a saga of systemic racism, retaliation, and unchecked corruption within the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), an agency I once joined to serve my country with pride. It’s a story that spans from 2015 to today, marked by betrayal, intimidation, and a relentless pursuit of justice that has cost me my career, my savings, and my peace -

but never my resolve. If you're reading this, you're likely someone who values truth, accountability, and the principles that make America worth fighting for. So, let's dive into the abyss together.

The Spark: Witnessing Racism and Taking a Stand (2015)

In 2015, I was a Supervisory IT Specialist (GS-15, Step 10) at the DOL's Employment and Training Administration, overseeing a team of 50 federal employees and over 100 contractors. I had joined the federal government after a 35-year career in technology management, taking a significant pay cut to serve my country again, as I had during my 20 years in the Marine Corps. My role as Deputy Director of the Office of Information Systems and Technology was to lead with integrity, ensuring our systems supported the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and served the American people. But what I encountered instead was a cesspool of discrimination that would change my life forever.

I witnessed firsthand the systemic racism inflicted upon eight highly competent African American employees under my supervision. My boss, Aung Htein, a Senior Executive Service member, ordered me to remain silent as he and others - like Lisa Lahrman and Byron Zuidema - denied promotions and opportunities to these individuals based solely on the color of their skin. One case seared itself into my conscience: Marlene Howze, a Black woman, was treated like an animal, herded into subservient roles by Htein's schemes. When I refused to comply with orders to fabricate performance issues against her, the retaliation began.

On October 30, 2015, I filed a formal reprisal report, alleging discrimination and invoking my protections under 5 U.S.C. § 2302(b), which prohibits personnel actions against whistleblowers who disclose violations of any law, rule, or regulation. I named Htein, Lahrman, Zuidema, and others, detailing their conspiracy to discriminate **and their misuse of taxpayer-funded legal resources to shield themselves**. I sent this to senior DOL officials, including then-Secretary Tom Perez, expecting accountability. Instead, I was met with a calculated assault on my career and dignity.

The retaliation was swift. On November 1, 2015, I was stripped of my supervisory role and reassigned to a newly created, non-supervisory position as a "Special Assistant" (GS-2210-15), a move documented in an SF-50 form I've kept as evidence of this prohibited personnel action. The form, dated with an effective date of 11/01/15, notes the reassignment as "merit staffing exception" with "no greater promotion potential than position currently held" - a bureaucratic euphemism for a demotion designed to silence me. This wasn't just a lateral move; it was a deliberate act to remove me from protecting my team's civil rights, a conspiracy to show others what happens when you stand up to the DOL's entrenched power structure.

The DOL's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office, under Director Betty Lopez, whitewashed my complaint. On November 20, 2015, Lopez emailed me, stating, "There will be no further communication from this office," effectively voiding my EEO protections. This act severed me from the safeguards I was entitled to as a whistleblower, plunging me into a jurisdictional abyss that would last a decade. Eight

years of litigation followed, draining my savings as I fought to prove that “any” violation of law, as stated in 5 U.S.C. § 2302(b), meant exactly that - not the DOL’s twisted interpretation that shielded the guilty.

The System That Fails: A Whistleblower’s Nightmare (2015–2023)

The DOL’s official whistleblower procedures, which I followed to the letter, are a cruel joke - a Kafkaesque loop designed to break you. **Step 1:** Document everything, escalate to your bosses six levels up, then go to HR, EEO, the Inspector General, the Secretary of Labor, the EEOC, the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), the Federal Circuit, and finally the Supreme Court - only to run out of money, lose your home, and be left with one car. **Step 2:** *Repeat Step 1*. It’s a strategy of “**delay, deny, hope you die**,” and it works. By 2023, after exhausting every avenue, the courts ruled to return to the DOL’s EEO office - back to the very people who had destroyed me, like Acting Secretary Vince Micone - and start over. The conspiracy against my rights, a clear violation of 18 U.S.C. § 241, continued unabated.

The system isn’t broken; it’s built this way. The EEOC, Inspector General offices, and HR departments form a protection racket for the government mafia, outlasting every presidency by flying under the radar. Figures like Tristan Leavitt, a Republican appointed by Joe Biden to the MSPB, exemplify this betrayal. Leavitt, who once worked for Senator Chuck Grassley - hailed as a whistleblower advocate - set a precedent against me at the MSPB, arguing that “any” didn’t mean “any,” costing me years and thousands of dollars at the Federal Circuit. Grassley, the deep state’s darling, postures as a hero while enabling the Whistleblower Retaliation Industrial Complex that crushes people like me.

The Escalation: Threats to My Family (2025)

By 2025, I thought I’d seen the worst of the DOL’s tactics. I was wrong. On February 13, 2025, at 5:45 p.m., my wife Catherine and I returned to our home in a gated community in Venice, Florida, after a day of golf and time with friends. What we encountered was a chilling escalation of the DOL’s vendetta. Two men, claiming to be employees of the DOL Inspector General, were attempting to gain unauthorized access to our screen porch. When I confronted them, one flashed credentials and said, “I am here to talk to you about some emails you sent,” referencing my recent complaints naming Keith Sonderling, Vince Micone, and Mike Trupo - Trump appointees implicated in ongoing misconduct.

I demanded to know if this was about my allegations of felony violations under 18 U.S.C. § 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights). The agent’s vague response - “We can talk about that too” - offered no legal basis for their presence. With no warrant, no prior notice, and no resident approval to enter our private community, their actions violated Florida trespassing laws and the Fourth Amendment. Fearing for our safety, I ordered them to leave, unable to verify their credentials in the moment. The incident, documented in a memorandum I sent to multiple federal agencies, was a stark reminder that the DOL’s retaliation had evolved from professional sabotage to

physical intimidation.

Sonderling, Trump's nominee for Deputy Secretary of Labor, stands accused of orchestrating this incident, a felony under 18 U.S.C. § 241, which carries penalties up to life imprisonment if bodily harm or death results (U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 2X4.1, 2024 ed.). My emails exposing Micone's misconduct had apparently triggered this response, yet Sonderling's Senate confirmation hearing on February 27, 2025, proceeded without a whisper of these allegations. Florida's congressional delegation - Senator Ashley Moody, Senator Rick Scott, and Representative Greg Steube - knew of the incident, having received my reports, but concealed it from the Senate HELP Committee and the public.

On March 6, 2025, Senator Moody cast the deciding 12-11 vote to advance Sonderling's nomination, an act that may implicate her in 18 U.S.C. § 4 (Misprision of Felony) and § 241, enabling Sonderling's rise while leaving my family vulnerable to further threats.

The Stakes: A Fight for Justice and Survival

Today, March 8, 2025, I'm still fighting. My family remains at risk, our privacy shattered by the DOL's lawfare and intimidation tactics. Having exhausted all available administrative remedies through the DOL's official whistleblower procedures, I now must pursue the criminal route, as justice demands accountability under 18 U.S.C. § 241 and § 4. I'm prepared to deliver these charges to the proper authorities with unrelenting force, detail, precision, and zeal, and my entire family is poised to testify about the ruthless barrage that stripped us bare and shattered our world.

The DOL's leadership, from Tom Perez in 2015 to Vince Micone and Keith Sonderling today, has used taxpayer-funded resources to deny my rights and cover up their crimes. They've turned a blind eye to racism, retaliated against me for opposing it, and now threaten my family's safety - all while political insiders like Moody and Steube shield them for donor money and power.

But I will never stop. I will never commit suicide, as I've stated in every correspondence, knowing the DOL might hope for such an outcome to silence me. I will fight for my constitutional rights until they are restored - by this administration, the next, or the one after that. This isn't just my fight; it's a clarion call for every American who believes in justice. The DOL's actions reflect a broader rot within our government - a bipartisan machine that crushes whistleblowers with impunity, from the executive branch's tribunals to the federal circuits. It's a system that protects the powerful, like Sonderling, while leaving the invisible - veterans, whistleblowers, and minorities - to suffer. As a Marine, I once believed my service guaranteed constitutional protections for all. I was wrong. But I'll keep fighting to make America whole again, for my family, for the eight African American employees I stood up for, and for every whistleblower languishing under this tyranny.

A Plea to the People

I’m a man of meager means, with no media allies or elite donors to amplify my voice to President Trump. I lack the connections to pierce the bubble of power insulating him from the truth. But I voted for him, hoping he’d deliver for the invisible - people like me, destroyed by lawfare and corruption. So far, his appointees have only perpetuated the cover-up. If you know someone who can reach the President, I beg you to plead for mercy on my behalf. Tell him to stop the reprisals, restore my rights, and make America whole again. Share my story with friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and on every platform you can - let it echo from the streets of Venice, Florida, to the halls of Washington, D.C. Demand that your congressional representatives act, that the EEOC wakes from its slumber, and that the Inspector General upholds the law, not the corrupt. When enough Americans with integrity rise up to reject this Executive Branch tyranny, racism, and whistleblower retaliation, we can block corrupt appointees like Keith Sonderling from desecrating the sacred halls of our government. Together, we can dismantle this bipartisan machine of oppression, restore justice for the invisible, and reclaim a nation that honors its veterans, protects its citizens, and upholds the Constitution I swore to defend. Will you stand with me?

Semper Fi,
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