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Dear Members of the Washington State Board of Health:

We, the undersigned, write to lodge a formal complaint against Spokane Regional Health District Administrator Amelia Clark and the Spokane Board of Health pursuant to RCW 70.05.120. We believe their removal of Dr. Bob Lutz from his position as Spokane County Health Officer, with neither an opportunity for a public hearing, nor a meeting of the full Spokane County Board of Health, was undertaken in ways that violated RCW 70.05.050: "...the local health officer shall not be removed until after notice is given, and an opportunity for a hearing before the board or official responsible for his or her appointment under this section as to the reason for his or her removal." [Spokane's own by-laws](#) reflect this, providing that the local health officer may only be appointed or removed by formal action by the Board of Health.

Under RCW 70.05.120, we request that the State Board of Health conduct a preliminary investigation and hearing on Administrator Clark's and the Spokane Board of Health's actions.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more details. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Best,

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