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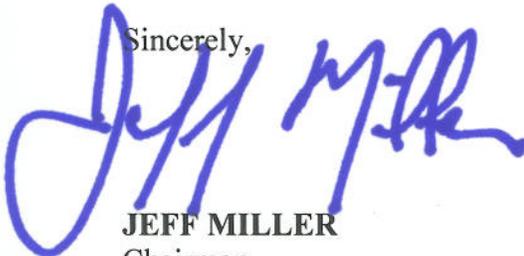
The Honorable Richard J. Griffin
 Acting Inspector General
 U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Dear Acting Inspector General Griffin,

As a follow-up to my July 8, 2014, letter requesting that your office investigate mismanagement and abuses at the Health Eligibility Center (HEC) in Atlanta, Georgia, I request the following allegations also be added to that investigation. Recently, the VA informed the Committee that about 889,000 applications were in a pending status at the HEC and 47,000 Veterans related to these pending applications had died. After allegations arose that Philip Matkovsky and other VA officials previously knew about these deaths, VA told Committee staff that many of these applications are random records and not complete health care applications in the Health Care Enrollment System.

I respectfully request that you include in your ongoing HEC investigation the above information pertaining to the 47,000 Veteran deaths and the relationship those deaths have to the pending nature of the applications. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Hannel, Majority Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, at (202) 225-3569.

Sincerely,



JEFF MILLER
 Chairman

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