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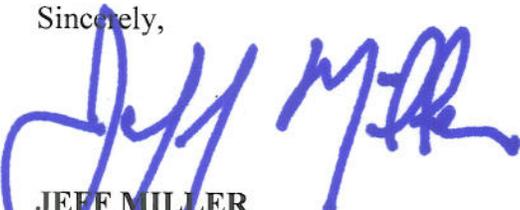
Dear Mr. President,

I respectfully request that you expeditiously submit to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs a nominee for the post of Inspector General for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In the midst of the largest and most damaging scandal in VA's history, it is vitally important that VA Office of Inspector General have an independent and objective leader in place to combat waste, fraud and abuse.

The previous Senate-confirmed Inspector General, George Opfer, retired as of December 31, 2013. Mr. Richard Griffin became the Acting Inspector General on January 1, 2014, and has served in that capacity more than the 210 days authorized by law at 5 U.S.C. §§ 3345 and 3346.

I previously wrote to you on behalf of the six million veterans who receive health services at the VA and asked you to promote effective oversight of the VA with a commitment to faithful execution of the whistleblower protection laws. Nomination of a highly qualified and respected person with integrity and independence to take charge of the Inspector General position is an essential part of that commitment.

Sincerely,



**JEFF MILLER**  
 Chairman