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The Honorable Denis R. McDonough
Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary McDonough:

As you know, throughout the 118th Congress, I have repeatedly contacted you regarding the failures of the Biden-Harris administration's management of negotiating and executing the contract to make the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Digital G.I. Bill (DGIB) a reality. My House Republican colleagues and I have expressed our frustration about VA's implementation of the DGIB platform during oversight hearings on September 26, 2024, and July 17, 2023, as well as oversight letters sent to your department on August 28, 2024, and on July 14, August 17, October 26, October 30, and December 5 in 2023.

To date, VA's responses have not addressed our underlying concerns and more importantly, they have not addressed the overall problems with DGIB with the appropriate urgency that veterans deserve. Further, VA has not resolved any of the recommendations that the Office of the Inspector General made in their audit of VA's implementation of the DGIB program earlier this year. In fact, VA has still failed to respond to my letter regarding OIG's audit. Finally, the DGIB program remains two years behind schedule. Despite numerous and repeated requests through multiple channels, the Overall Integrated Master Schedule for the DGIB program has yet to be provided. This ongoing failure to deliver critical information is unacceptable.

Please provide a copy of the Overall Integrated Master Schedule that contains all partner system commitments and details necessary to enable DGIB by **January 17, 2025**.

When producing documents, do not alter them in any way, including but not limited to application of redactions or a watermark. Additionally, digital copies should be provided in a format that enables their printing and copying by the Committee. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Bost". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MIKE BOST
Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Mark Takano, Ranking Member