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The Honorable Richard J. Griffin  
Office of Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Inspector General Griffin,

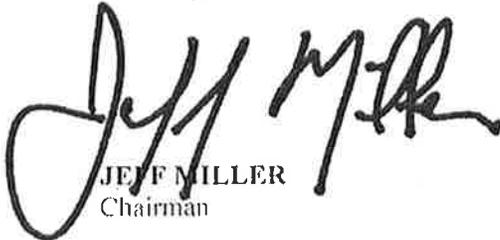
Once again, the House Committee on Veterans' affairs has received serious allegations involve questionable financial benefits and favoritism in promotion at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

We have received information from an anonymous whistleblower alleging that Ms. Diana Rubens, Director of the Philadelphia Regional Office received \$288,206.77 in relocation expenses for her transfer from the VA Central Office to her current position in Philadelphia. The whistleblower also alleges that Ms. Rubens retained her SES level salary despite her current position being two levels below her Central Office pay grade. Finally, the whistleblower alleges that another VA employee, [REDACTED] received a promotion to GS-15 and works from home five days per week doing Central Office work.

Inspector General Griffin, these are serious allegations. Therefore, I request your office conduct a thorough and detailed investigation of the above allegations and provide your findings to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Further, because VA has already confirmed with my office that the alleged relocation expenses paid to Ms. Rubens was "in the ballpark" of \$300,000, it raises questions about the potential abuse of the relocation expense program across the VA. I therefore, ask that you conduct a broader review of the propriety of VA's dissemination of relocation expense benefits.

Sincerely,



JEFF MILLER  
Chairman

CJM/jt

CC: The Honorable Corrine Brown, Ranking Member, Committee on Veterans' Affairs