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March 14, 2014

The Honorable Joan Mooney
 Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 810 Vermont Ave. NW
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Dear Ms. Mooney,

On April 3, 2014 at 10:00 AM, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold our second oversight hearing on transparency at the Department of Veterans Affairs. The hearing will be held in room 334 of the Cannon House Office Building. In accordance with the questionnaire required of all Presidential nominees regarding Congressional testimony, I invite Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Ms. Joan Mooney, to testify on behalf of the Department and ask that Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Robert Petzel, accompany Ms. Mooney to respond to questions from the Committee as needed.

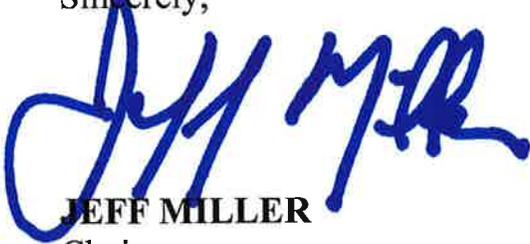
As in the initial transparency hearing on September 19, 2013, we will discuss issues surrounding VA's timely response to the requests for information, currently standing at 125, from the Committee Majority as well as requests from the Committee Minority. Specifically, we wish to explore the internal process by which the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs works with program officers within VA to meet the Committee's information requests. We also wish to understand the Department's standards and metrics related to requests from Congress. For this hearing, our focus will be on health-related requests, thus the invitation for Dr. Petzel to be present. We may also raise other aspects of VA transparency during the hearing, however.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Mike Brinck, Deputy Staff Director via email at mbrinck@mail.house.gov. During the hearing, you will be recognized for five minutes to make an oral statement while your complete written statement will be made part of the hearing record. As required by Committee Rules, please send an electronic copy of your written statement in Microsoft Word, to Mike Brinck at the e-mail address listed above by no later than 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Please also hand deliver 75 copies of your written testimony, as well as a brief biography, prepared in accordance with the enclosed formatting requirements to the Committee in room 335 of the Cannon House Office Building by no later than close of business on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Mike Brinck at 202-225-3527 or mbrinck@mail.house.gov.

As always, I look forward to receiving the Department's views and I thank you for your work on behalf of America's veterans.

Sincerely,



JEFF MILLER
Chairman

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Electronic Version of Statement: The Committee requires witnesses to submit testimony electronically so that it may be made available to the public via the Committee website (<http://veterans.house.gov>) in a timely manner. **Please make your statement available to the Committee in Microsoft Word or text (ASCII) format, and send it as an attachment electronically to mbrink@mail.house.gov, Deputy STa and Jessica.Eggimann@mail.house.gov.**

Please be advised your written statement will be available online through the Committee's web page immediately following the conclusion of the hearing. You may notify us of any changes to your written statement up to the morning of the day of the hearing. This is not an official record of your testimony. The official hearing transcript will be made available electronically once submitted to the Government Printing Office for printing.

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- For the printed hearing record, one copy of the statement and any accompanying exhibits for the printed hearing record should be prepared on **letter size paper**.
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