



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

November 8, 2013

The Honorable Mike Coffman
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letters of October 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, and November 1, 2013, regarding Information Technology (IT) security at the Department of Veteran Affairs' (VA).

VA is committed to safeguarding information relating to Veterans and their families and, with that goal in mind, to ensuring compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), 44 U.S.C. §3544(c), and other applicable laws and policies.

To assist in these efforts, VA's Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) conducts annual reviews of the Department's information security program.

The VAOIG's FY 2013 FISMA audit is ongoing. To ensure that we have an independent assessment of our information security program, I have asked the IG to expand the scope of this year's audit to include areas of interest reflected in your letters. VA will use the audit results to respond to your concerns. We expect to begin to receive initial information from IG prior to the end of the year. In the meantime, we will continue to work to respond to the Committee's requests for information.

Thank you for your commitment to our Nation's Veterans. A similar letter has been sent to Ranking Member Ann Kirkpatrick regarding your joint letter of Oct 22, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric K. Shinseki".

Eric K. Shinseki