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November 2, 2023

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, I have received troubling allegations of improper relationships and sexual harassment within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion (ORMDI). I am incredibly concerned that some of the same ORMDI leaders who are tasked with upholding a zero-tolerance sexual harassment policy, may be violating the law themselves.

It is vital VA achieves a culture free of harassment. If ORMDI leaders are not held accountable, there is little hope VA will create an environment appropriate to provide veterans the quality care and benefits they have earned. To that end, I sent you a letter, dated September 29, 2023, asking you to provide written responses to questions needed to investigate this troubling situation. I asked you to provide me with this information by **October 27, 2023**.

I am concerned that, more than a month after sending the letter, I have not received a response from you or your staff. Since sending the letter, I have reviewed additional evidence that confirms the seriousness of the allegations. As Chairman, I take VA's zero-tolerance sexual harassment policy seriously. I trust you do as well. When can I expect to receive your response to my September letter?

Sincerely,

**MIKE BOST**  
 Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Mark Takano, Ranking Member