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The Honorable Denis R. McDonough
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 810 Vermont Avenue, NW
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Dear Secretary McDonough:

Following Hamas' horrific October 7, 2023, attack on Israel, antisemitic incidents have drastically increased throughout the United States. One such incident involved Ms. Shekeba Morrad, an attorney working for the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"), who recorded a video on social media where she made fun of Israelis who were asking for the return of hostages captured by Hamas. As I previously indicated, I find Ms. Morrad's comments disgraceful. I am also shocked that following VA's investigation VA decided not to discipline Ms. Morrad, instead deciding to counsel Ms. Morrad and make her complete harassment training.

I first raised my concerns with VA's response to Ms. Morrad's conduct in a December 13, 2023, letter. I raised similar concerns in a January 25, 2024, letter requesting VA provide all documents, evidence, and witness transcripts related to VA's internal investigation into Ms. Morrad as well as an action plan outlining how OGC will address Ms. Morrad's perceived biases, beyond simply having a supervisor approve her work. Disappointingly, when VA finally responded to the January 25 letter, two months late, not a single document was provided.

Despite VA's insufficient responses, I appreciate your commitment during yesterday's Committee hearing that you would immediately turn to this matter when you returned to the office. As such, I look forward to receiving the previously requested documents, evidence, witness transcripts, and OGC action plan by **Friday, April 19, 2024**. If VA fails to meet this deadline, I am prepared to resort to compulsory process to obtain the requested information.

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Sincerely,

MIKE BOST
 Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Mark Takano, Ranking Member