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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Inspector General
Washington DC 20420

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The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson:

This is in response to your cosigned September 19, 2016 letter requesting that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) review the alleged use of unofficial wait lists to manage health care for veterans at the Eastern Colorado Health Care System in Denver, Colorado as well as its Golden and Colorado Springs, Colorado Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC). Additionally, you requested we review the alleged falsification of documents related to the suicide of a veteran waiting for care for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder at the Colorado Springs CBOC.

The circumstances regarding the alleged document falsification as well as the alleged use of unofficial wait lists are now under review by OIG staff. Upon completion of our review, we will make every effort to share whatever information we can in accordance with applicable law.

We provided a similar response to Senator Gardner under separate cover. Thank you for your interest in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Missal", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

MICHAEL J. MISSAL

Copy to: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs