

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 22, 2016

The Honorable Michael J. Missal  
Inspector General  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
801 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Inspector General Missal,

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Senator Gardner and Senator Johnson sent you a letter regarding the possible existence of wait lists at the Denver Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, as well as related claims about document falsification and potential whistleblower retaliation. As you know, the letter also cited “a specific situation in which a 26-year old Army Ranger committed suicide while waiting for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) care from the Colorado Springs facility”.

We share the Senators’ concerns regarding the gravity of these allegations, as well as their concerns regarding the absolute necessity of whistleblower protection. We request that you inform our offices of the results of your inquiry into these matters.

If you have any questions about our request, please have your staff contact Sam Fletcher or Keith Smoly of Congressman Lamborn’s staff at (202) 225-4422 or Mike Wakefield of Congressman Coffman’s staff at (202) 225-7882.

Sincerely,



Doug Lamborn  
Member of Congress



Mike Coffman  
Member of Congress