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The Honorable Richard J. Griffin
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Dear Inspector General Griffin:

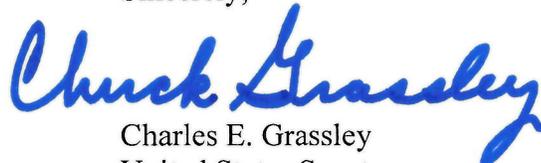
I am extremely concerned about the allegations brought to light by whistleblowers that falsified appointment records resulting in excessive delays in providing medical care may have led to deaths at the Phoenix, Arizona VA Medical Center. What is even more concerning is that other allegations of similar behavior have been made about VA medical centers in other states, including Colorado and Texas. I would like to know what steps you are taking to investigate and audit the appointment process at VA facilities nationwide in order to ascertain how widespread this problem is.

Naturally, I am particularly anxious to confirm that the VA facilities that serve Iowans are not falsifying appointment records and Iowans are seen within a reasonable time. This includes the Iowa City VA Medical Center, the Central Iowa VA Medical Center, the Omaha VA Medical Center, the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center, and community based outpatient clinics in Iowa attached to those medical centers.

I request that you provide me and my staff information about the scope of your current investigation, how you intend to review the processes at VA medical facilities nationwide, and the timeline of your review. I also ask that you keep my office informed as your investigation progresses.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact James Rice of my staff at (202) 224-3744.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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