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Kent D. Hill
Director
Kansas City VA Medical Center
4801 Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64128

Dear Director Hill,

I write to you regarding a letter I received on May 29, 2014 from Mr. William P. Patterson, MD, Director, VA Heartland Network (VISN 15) regarding the treatment of veterans and the use of "unauthorized" or "secret" waiting lists within the VISN 15 network. In particular, I am concerned that the use of such "unauthorized" or "secret" lists has taken place within the Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center (KC VAMC).

Therefore, I request answers to the following questions:

- Has the Kansas City Veterans Medical Center, its staff, or affiliated clinics at any time utilized "unauthorized" or "secret" waiting lists during the delivery of care to veterans seeking treatment?
- If so, why did KC VAMC fail to notify members of Congress regarding its findings?
- If so, what actions has KC VAMC taken to date to hold employees accountable and address the further use of "unauthorized/secret" lists?
- What is KC VAMC doing to address current gaps in access to care at its facilities?
- Why was the VA Office of Inspector General left out of KC VAMC's internal review process regarding the use of "unauthorized/secret" lists?

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator