Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

We are writing today to urge you to request the immediate resignation of Secretary Eric Shinseki, Under Secretary Robert Petzel, and Under Secretary Allison Hickey.

Recent revelations about avoidable patient deaths, delayed treatments, falsified records, secret waiting lists, and cancelled appointments, coupled with systemic IT security failures, project cost overruns, and a backlog that has more than doubled since 2009, clearly demonstrate widespread incompetence and a lack of transparency within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Accountability must come from the top. Enough is enough. We expect more from the public servants assigned to oversee the care of our veterans. It is unconscionable that our nation's heroes have lost their lives due to negligence within the agency tasked with serving and protecting them. Our veterans deserve better.

As we continue to investigate these matters as part of our congressional oversight duties, we are committed to identifying and correcting the many issues within the Department of Veterans Affairs and holding accountable all those involved in the recent scandals.

We urge you to join us in our commitment to bringing transparency and accountability to the VA and request the immediate resignation of Secretary Shinseki, Under Secretary Petzel, and Under Secretary Hickey. We must send a clear message to the American people that failure to protect our veterans will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

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