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September 27, 2013

The Honorable Eric Shinseki  
 Secretary  
 U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
 810 Vermont Ave. NW  
 Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki,

It is come to our attention that concentrations of mold have been discovered throughout both the University Drive campus and H.J. Heinz campus of the Department of Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System. We have received specific complaints about mold in the air ducts at the University Drive campus and in the Pharmacy and Dental Clinic at the Heinz campus.

By letter dated September 24<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Coffman requested the VHA's Office of Medical Inspector to examine facilities overtaken by mold in West Virginia and Florida and to evaluate the health of the veterans who were exposed to mold at these facilities.

We urge you to direct the VHA Office of Medical Inspector to add the University Campus and Heinz Campus of the Pittsburgh Healthcare System to the growing list of facilities to inspect and evaluate for exposure to mold. Given the previous problems containing legionella, we are very concerned about the health of veterans treated in the Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

We know that you are also committed to the health of our Nation's veterans. When completed, we request a complete copy of the Medical Inspector's report.

Sincerely,



**MIKE COFFMAN**  
 Chairman  
 Subcommittee on  
 Oversight and Investigations



**ANN KIRKPATRICK**  
 Ranking Member  
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