Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2014

The Honorable Eric Shinseki
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
801 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

We write regarding recent reports of misconduct at VA healthcare facilities across the country, including a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Fort Collins, Colorado. We are deeply concerned with allegations of Veterans Health Administration employees falsifying records and keeping double sets of books. We hope the "face-to-face" audit of VA clinics as well as the VA Inspector General's investigation can help us reach a swift resolution to these issues.

We share your goal of providing the best quality healthcare to our veterans in a timely manner. It is clear improvements must be made to ensure veterans across the country are receiving timely quality care now. Transparency and accountability are critical as the VA continues its investigations and evaluates concrete measures to achieve this goal.

We respectfully request you provide our offices an overview of findings from the nationwide audit including specific details on all healthcare facilities which serve Colorado veterans, results of any extended appointment wait times, and all steps taken to correct any deficiencies discovered. We stand ready to work with you to improve the VA healthcare system for our veterans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall
U.S. Senator

Michael Bennet
U.S. Senator

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