

May 08, 2015

Honorable Johnny Isakson
Chairman, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Russell Senate Building - Room 412
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Dear Senator Isakson:

I am sending this correspondence to your office to request that you contact President Barack Obama on my behalf as a citizen of the state of Georgia and VA whistleblower. Over the past 15 months I have worked with your staff to address issues at the VA Chief Business Office that adversely impact Veteran access to VA health care. Unfortunately these concerns have repeatedly been ignored by leadership at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There are over **840,000 Veteran applications** for VA health care in a pending status. More than **230,000 of these Veterans have died**, while waiting for VA health care. Past efforts to address the **Pending Backlog** have been thwarted by senior VA officials, who have stated in writing they would "skirt the issue" if asked about the total number of Veterans who have applications in a pending status.

Currently, VA leadership is attempting to implement a rule change that would allow the agency to discard Veteran health care applications in a pending status, if Veterans do not respond to a one time letter mailing campaign. This approach to notifying Veterans is insufficient, because VA has done little to rectify "**Bad Addresses**" in the Enrollment System. Additionally, VA does not require the vendor, NPC who facilitates the mailings to provide a list of returned mail for additional outreach. Based on these factors, it would be unconscionable to allow VA to discard these Veterans request for healthcare as abandoned applications.

Waiting for VA leadership to get it right is simply not an option. Every year thousands of Veterans lose their eligibility for VA health care due to the agency's inaction. There are currently over **18,000 recent Iraq and Afghanistan Combat Veterans**, whose applications for health care are lingering in a pending status. Over **16,000 Iraq and Afghanistan Combat Veterans** have had their eligibility for health care expire due to inaction by VA leadership.

Senator Isakson, again every reasonable effort to get VA leadership to address the 840,000 Veterans stuck in this backlog has been exhausted. Therefore, I am requesting your office file a Congressional Inquiry with the Executive Office of the President on my behalf in an effort to force the administration to resolve this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at 678-516-9890 or scott7@ourworldfilms.com, if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Davis', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Davis, VA Whistleblower