

August 5, 2014

The Honorable Robert McDonald
Secretary
The Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Secretary McDonald:

We are pleased to see your recent effort to require veterans' facilities nationwide to hold town-hall events before the end of September and would like to invite you to attend an upcoming event here in Stanislaus County.

As members of Congressman Jeff Denham's Veterans Advisory Committee, we believe it's crucial that you visit the Central Valley and see firsthand the challenges our veterans are having in accessing to quality healthcare.

A full eighty percent of the veterans who are serviced by the Palo Alto VA live in the Valley. These rural veterans are driving or being transported for hours to receive care. Breaking ground on the French Camp VA facility and proper implementation of the reforms contained in the "Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014" would greatly increase the availability of quality care for the thousands of vets who rely on the VA.

We write to follow up to Congressman Denham's July 30, 2014 letter inviting you to the 10th congressional district. We would be happy to host you during a visit and look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Christopher Del Beccaro with Congressman Denham's office at (202) 225-4540 or Chris.DelBeccaro@mail.house.gov to coordinate such a trip.

Sincerely,

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