

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 18, 2015

The Honorable Robert A. McDonald
Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary McDonald:

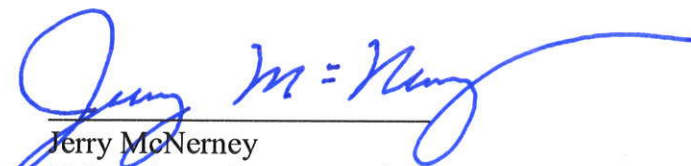
We write today to extend a formal invitation for you to visit the site for the proposed community based outpatient clinic (CBOC) located in French Camp, California. The fiscal year 2016 Omnibus appropriations package provides \$1.24 billion for major construction projects. These funds are sufficient to fund the VA's top FY16 major construction projects, including the long overdue project at French Camp.

As you already know, California's Central Valley veterans face many challenges accessing the care they need from the Department of Veterans Affairs, with hours of travel required for even routine appointments. Routine efforts can often take an entire day. In an effort to alleviate this problem the Department of Veterans Affairs initiated the Livermore Realignment Project. In 2004, Congress approved the Central Valley CBOC and community living center as part of the VA's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) initiative. Our Central Valley veterans are eager to see progress on this project promised to them in 2004 and they are now one step closer to this becoming a reality.

In the past, you have expressed a desire to visit the site of the French Camp CBOC project. Now that funds sufficient to finance the French Camp CBOC's design and construction have been appropriated, we would be honored to have you visit the site at a time of your convenience during the 2016 Calendar year.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring our veterans receive the highest level of care. We look forward to your response and hosting you at the French Camp CBOC project site during 2016.

Sincerely,


Jerry McNerney
United States Representative


Jeff Denham
United States Representative