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

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

I am deeply troubled by allegations that 40 veterans died due to delayed care at the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ. As Ranking Member on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, I would like to reiterate my previous request that the Office of the Inspector General utilize all necessary resources to expeditiously complete this investigation.

As Arizona's representative on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I will request a committee hearing upon release of the OIG report. Please keep my office informed of the progress of the OIG investigation. These veterans and their families deserve this important matter to be treated with urgency and accountability.

My staff and I have closely followed the investigation, and I look forward to its completion so we can fully review all the facts.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
U.S. Representative, Arizona District One