

United States Senate

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June 11, 2014

The Honorable Eric J. Holder, Jr.
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder,

I have been deeply troubled by recent reports of misconduct at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The results of VA's Nationwide Access Audit and evidence uncovered by the VA's Inspector General indicate that the VA has manipulated records to conceal the unnecessarily long delays that many veterans have faced while awaiting care. This is absolutely unacceptable.

I urge the Justice Department and its relevant components, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department's Criminal Division, to use any appropriate legal authorities and resources at their disposal to investigate this matter promptly and to hold accountable anyone who is found to have engaged in criminal wrongdoing. Given the gravity of this situation, a timely and thorough investigation by the nation's leading law enforcement agency is necessary to address any past or ongoing problems at VA and to help ensure that our nation's veterans can have confidence that they are getting the best possible care.

Please let me know what actions the Justice Department has taken or intends to take in response to this crisis. In particular, please identify any Justice Department components that will be involved in this matter, along with their roles in the investigation and their timeline for action. I also request that your staff meet with mine for a briefing on this issue within the next two weeks. To arrange that briefing, please contact Jeff Lomonaco on my staff at jeff_lomonaco@franken.senate.gov or (202) 224-5641.

Thank you. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator