

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3003**

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Honorable Richard J. Griffin  
Deputy Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Inspector General (50)  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Deputy Inspector Griffin,

We write today to urge you to make public all of the findings that Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Office of the Inspector General's, health care investigations have yielded. *USA Today* recently reported that the VA has not publicly released the findings of 140 health care investigations since 2006.

As Members of Congress, our goal is to ensure that our veterans get the high quality care they deserve from the VA. In that vein, Congressional oversight over the operations of the VA is necessary to protect that high standard of care. However, when the VA's Inspector General fails to release 140 reports in an eight year span, it gives us pause. We worry that more problems at the VA may have been uncovered that we aren't aware of, and consequently we can't act to help improve or save the lives of countless veterans.

We understand that there may be good reasons to keep the findings of certain studies private, such as national security or false allegations. However, if these investigations contain information that has not been deemed a national security risk or other privacy risk, we urge you to release them as soon as possible. The longer we wait on this information, the longer potential problems may go unrecognized.

The Office of the Inspector General performs an invaluable mission to the American people. As such, transparency should be an important aspect of the office, as it is the best way to protect accountability. If the Office makes available any and all findings from their investigations, Congress will better be able to act appropriately to ensure that our Veterans are receiving the highest quality of care possible. We owe them nothing less.

We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom MacArthur  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Frank LoBiondo  
Member of Congress

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Leonard Lance  
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