

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

September 28, 2023

Denis McDonough  
Secretary  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Ave NW,  
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary McDonough,

I write today to express my concern and frustration regarding the primary care physician (PCP) shortage at the Stockton VA Clinic. I strongly urge you to prioritize filling the four vacant PCP positions immediately.

In May of this year, I was alerted to a fifty percent reduction in the number of primary care physicians seeing and treating patients at the Stockton VA Clinic. For the last four months, my office has worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to find a solution to fill those staff openings, but no sizable progress has been made.

Earlier this month, I hosted a town hall in my District and made sure to include representatives from VA Northern California, so as to ensure our veterans had an opportunity to make their voices heard. Veterans who rely on the Stockton Clinic for their care have been forced to wait over 90 days for an appointment and when they are able to get an appointment, the clinic cancels said appointment at the last minute due to "limited capabilities". The stories and cases that were shared during this town hall were heartbreaking, and it is highly concerning that this is the reality of health care for veterans in my community. Veterans shared their stories of having to forgo having their prescriptions refilled because they cannot get access to their providers to authorize a refill. This is unacceptable.

Attached to this letter are nearly 50 signed petitions from veterans who attended my town hall. They are pleading for your help to fix this crisis. The local VA staff at the clinic are doing everything they can to serve our veterans with the limited resources they have, but we need you to do more. We need additional resources at the Stockton VA Clinic. The brave men and women who fought for our freedom should not have to fight for the basic health care they deserve and was promised to them.

I urge you to prioritize filling these PCP vacancies immediately.

Sincerely,



Josh Harder  
Member of Congress

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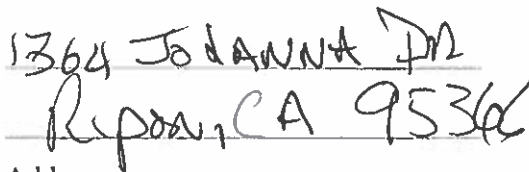
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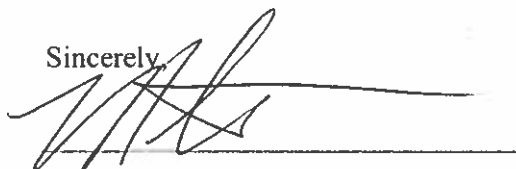
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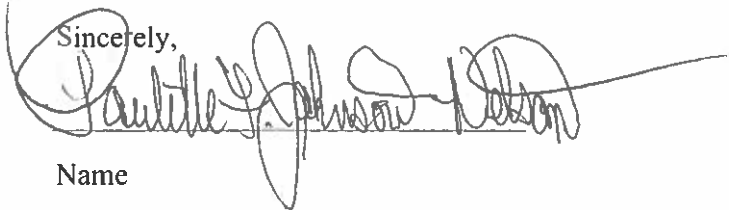
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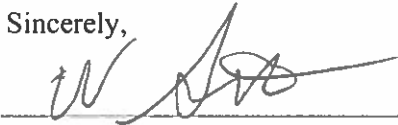
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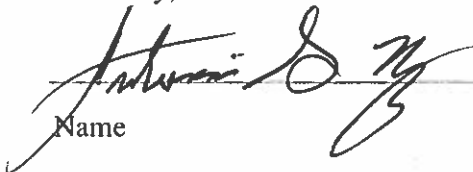
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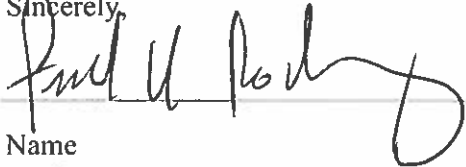
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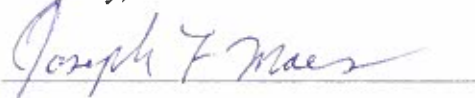
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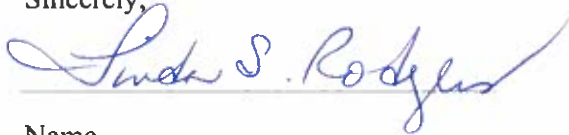
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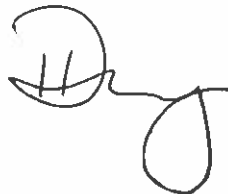
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