



**THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

Thank you for your February 10, 2025, co-signed letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in which you recognized the critical role the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) plays in ensuring Veterans and their families receive the benefits to which they are entitled under the law. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your letter.

This Administration remains focused on serving Veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors in the most efficient and cost-effective methods possible. Rest assured, the Board will continue to deliver timely, high-quality appeals decisions.

I have sent a similar letter to Representative Takano. Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Collins".

Douglas A. Collins

Cc: The Honorable Jerry Moran