

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 24, 2025

The Honorable Doug Collins
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Collins,

I am writing to invite you to forthcoming shadow hearings I will be hosting on a variety of issues facing veterans, their families, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The first shadow hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025 and will be focused on the mass firing of veterans across the federal government by this Administration and its impacts.

This shadow hearing will be an important opportunity for VA to respond to questions from members and key stakeholders and to hear from veterans and VA employees who have been directly, negatively impacted by recent policy and program changes you have made. Various Senate Democrats and Republicans will be invited to participate as well. Our Committee members and veterans deserve and need to hear your responses to widespread urgent concerns and fears regarding the unfolding VA crisis.

Any opening statement you wish to provide will be limited to five minutes. No advanced testimony will be required, but you are welcome to submit a statement for distribution that we will make available to the public.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, your staff may contact my Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Minority Staff office at (202) 224-2074. I look forward to your attendance.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

cc: The Honorable Jerry Moran