

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 15, 2013

The Honorable Eric K. Shinseki
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

We write today about a matter of crucial importance – the completion of the Orlando VA Medical Facility currently under construction.

Collectively, we represent tens of thousands of veterans who will rely on this facility. Many of them have already relied on the promise of its completion, only to see a dream deferred. This is unacceptable.

According to the most recent update your Department forwarded to our offices, we understand that Brasfield & Gorrie, the contractor, has been given a final notice to show cause why it should not be held in default. Without indicating our own views on the merits of that decision, we would like to inquire about the following:

- 1) What, in your opinion, is the most likely completion date for this project if the contractor is terminated for defaulting on the obligations outlined in the contract?
- 2) What, in your opinion, is the most likely completion date if the contractor is terminated for those elements of the contract for which the contractor has yet to begin work, allowed to finish its current work, and a completion contract is awarded for future work?
- 3) What, in your opinion, is the most likely completion date if the contractor proceeds – acknowledging the contractor's past performance which is currently behind schedule, and may fall further behind schedule moving forward?

Secretary Shinseki, we would also like to know whether the contractor's potential default would, if not ameliorated, impact the functioning of the facility, or simply cause delay in its completion. These are questions of considerable importance that will dramatically impact the lives of our constituents, and the lives of veterans living across the Central Florida region.

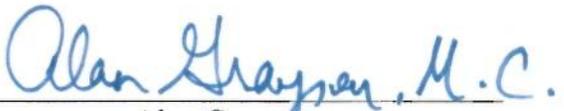
Our primary concern remains the timely completion of this project.

We look forward to working with you moving forward, and ensuring that our nation's veterans receive the care they have earned.

Sincerely,



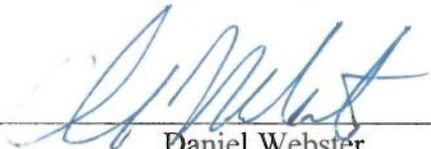
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Cc: James Gorrie – President and CEO, Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors
The Honorable Jeff Miller – Chair, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs