

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

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Director Ralph Gigliotti  
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Director Gigliotti:

Thank you for all your assistance with improving care for veterans in Oklahoma to include recently sending two teams from Veterans Integrated Service Network 19 to the Jack C. Montgomery Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. We write to you today regarding the proposed Department of VA contract clinic in McCurtain County, Oklahoma.

It is our understanding that all appropriate documents have been submitted to the VA contracting office to be processed. We request that every appropriate effort be made to expedite this process, and put the contract out for bid so that this veterans' clinic can finally become a reality.

Now is the time to move forward, not delay. Veterans in southeast Oklahoma have waited far too long for a VA clinic that, according to the Department, would "greatly improve access to care in this area, serve more Veterans, and improve patient satisfaction." Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country. We should not ask them to travel long distances to elsewhere in Oklahoma or Texas to receive the care this clinic would provide.

We request that you please provide us with a timeline of when we can expect the contract to go out for bid and be completed, along with a rationale for that timeline. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated by not only ourselves, but by veterans across southeast Oklahoma.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe  
United States Senator



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Member of Congress