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Dear Senators and Congresswomen,

Upon reading the Boston Globe Spotlight story yesterday detailing the troublesome allegations occurring at the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center, I immediately called Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David Shulkin, who was brought up on the situation, and agreed it was completely unacceptable. I am pleased that he took immediate action, and was assured that the Department of Veterans Affairs is working nonstop to bring about much-needed change.

I was encouraged by his willingness to address these troublesome allegations quickly, without hesitation, and with an insistence on transparency. Secretary Shulkin knows that immediate action can help restore confidence in the system. We will stop at nothing short of delivering the best care for our veterans.

Even though the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a federally funded and operated facility, I'd like to offer any assistance that my office can provide. Systematic change is needed to fully address the substandard care that our veterans are receiving, and I fully expect that further changes will be made soon. Now is the time to step up and work alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs, so we can work to improve the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center. I trust that this issue has your full attention. Let's keep working together to ensure the best possible care for New Hampshire's veterans. They deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor