

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

October 6, 2011

The Honorable Eric L. Shinseki
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
United States Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

RE: Detroit VA Regional Office Liaison with Mercy Primary Care

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

I am writing to request your help establishing a Department of Veterans' Affairs liaison between a Detroit-based medical facility, Mercy Primary Care Center (MPCC), and the Detroit VA Regional Office.

On a recent tour of Michigan's 13th Congressional District, we visited MPCC, a medical facility that serves the primary care needs of uninsured adults. Some of the people who utilize MPCC's services are homeless Veterans looking for shelter, or access to Veterans' benefits and resources. MPCC, however, does not currently have a direct connection to a representative at the Detroit VA Regional Office located in the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building.

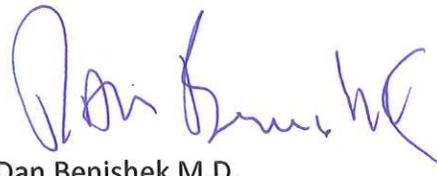
We would like to request that the Detroit VA Regional Office reach out to MPCC and establish a point of contact that MPCC can call to request help for Veterans in need of DVA services. Please report back to our offices regarding your progress on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress
Thirteenth District, Michigan



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