



# Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General

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## A Statement from the Acting VA Inspector General

The VA Office of Inspector General undertakes reviews at the request of the Department's leadership, Members of Congress, and many others. While they are all well within their rights to request a review, **NO ONE** has the right to dictate the outcome.

A report in today's media questions the independence and integrity of the dedicated men and women who work in our organization. There is no basis in fact to support these allegations. Today's article quotes Congressman Mike Coffman, who is the Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, as saying, "The American people deserve to know the truth." I say, AMEN to that. Our job is to speak the truth to power, and our record reflects that is exactly what we have always done.

Yesterday, we addressed in writing the numerous allegations and insinuations that are contained in today's article. I note that our written responses to the Committee and the content of our 2-hour briefing with Committee staff yesterday afternoon apparently wasn't shared with the reporter at the time that he was told by them that we had provided a copy of our initial draft report.

For that reason, today, I am releasing my letters to the Committee which were hand-carried and delivered to Committee staff yesterday because the American people deserve to know the truth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard J. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

**RICHARD J. GRIFFIN**  
Acting Inspector General

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