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July 30, 2021

The Honorable Denis McDonough
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
United States Department of Veterans Affairs
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Washington, DC 20420

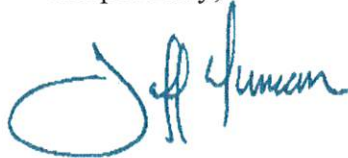
Dear Secretary McDonough,

We write today in strong opposition to your July 26 announcement to make COVID-19 vaccines mandatory for Title 38 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care personnel. This mandate will require physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, registered nurses, physician assistants, expanded-function dental auxiliaries, and chiropractors within the VA system to become fully vaccinated within eight weeks or lose their job.

Our nation's veterans and those who care for them deserve to be safe from COVID-19. Fortunately, American innovation and ingenuity has led to the rapid development of vaccines that are now readily available to all within the VA system. Because of this ample access, federal agencies, including the VA, should encourage their employees to consult with their doctor and be free to make an individual decision to receive the vaccine rather than create a blanket requirement for all employees.

Currently, no other federal agency has forced its employees to receive COVID-19 inoculations under penalty of termination, and we do not believe that the VA should be the test subject for this government mandate. We ask you immediately reverse your decision and restore the autonomy of VA health care employees.

Respectfully,

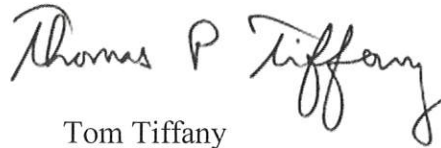
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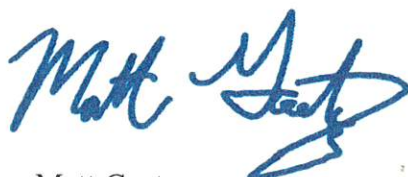
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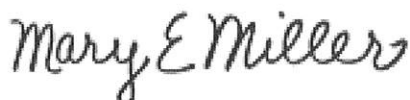
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