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The Honorable Douglas A. Collins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Secretary Collins:

Thank you for your June 8, 2026, response regarding the Department's Electronic Health Record (EHR) Modernization program. I appreciate the Department's update on recent deployments and ongoing efforts to improve the system.

While I recognize and am encouraged by the progress the Department has described, I understand that several significant recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (OIG) remain unresolved. These include outstanding recommendations from the EHR Major Performance Incidents Audit ([two open recommendations](#)), the EHR Reliable Schedule Audit ([four open recommendations](#)), and the Community Records/EHR Import Audit ([one open recommendation](#)).

As the VA continues to accelerate deployments to additional medical centers, it is important that these longstanding oversight concerns are addressed to ensure the success, transparency, and accountability of the modernization effort.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Department provide a timeline for addressing the remaining open OIG recommendations and explain how the VA plans to resolve those recommendations that were closed as "not implemented." I would also appreciate an update on what specific actions the VA is taking to ensure these outstanding issues do not adversely affect future EHR deployments.

Thank you for your continued service and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Michael Baumgartner
Member of Congress