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To All Members of The American Legion, Department of Florida

<u>Subject:</u> <u>Letter to President Trump on behalf of Department of Florida Membership</u>

Ever since the COVID Pandemic lockdown, it has really bothered me that the VA Hospitals are not seeing our Veterans on a timely basis, are putting off surgeries and are not even doing COVID testing.

I have complained but have seen no results. I have struggled about what to do and finally decided that I should write our President and Commander in Chief and voice our concerns on behalf of all our members and Veterans, not only in Florida but across our great Nation.

Below you will find the letter that I had sent to the President today. You may click on the letter to download it.

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President Donald J. Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 205008

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Mr. President,

I write to you today, as a Veteran and the elected representative of over 110,000 Florida American Legion Member veterans many of which receive their health care from the Veterans Administration (VA) facilities here in the State of Florida.

Mr. President, you are our Commander in Chief and our veterans look to you for your support. We realize we are in difficult times and now entering our 4th month of COVID and still the VA is providing little or no care at any of their facilities. Today, they are rescheduling our appointments for September and October! They claim they do not have enough open space to accommodate the numbers of patients coming to see Doctors, to get therapy or testing. These men and women served our country and put their lives on the line and deserve better than that!

In the Medical private sector, Doctors are seeing patients, testing is going on and surgeries are being performed. Many of the doctors are even doing COVID testing. Our VA is not even doing COVID testing with any of the Doctors and Nurses in VA facilities. This just doesn't make any sense.

Each member of our organization has served their country honorably. Many of them have serious disabilities and are not being treated. You are allowing these veterans to go without treatment.

Mr. President, you can fix this problem. You can direct the VA to figure out their space problems, figure out whatever they need to get our veterans the care they need and deserve. Let's also get the VA providing COVID testing to our veterans. That should not be difficult to start immediately!

I am interested in seeing these obstacles overcome and a working VA online taking care of all veterans, very soon. Our members, our Country's veterans and supporters are anxious to hear from you.

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William "Rick" Johnson, Commander

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As soon as I get a response, I will forward it to you.

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. Thank you all for what you do each and every day for our veterans, their families and our communities. Please be safe and take care of each other.

For God and Country,

William "Rick" Johnson, Commander

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