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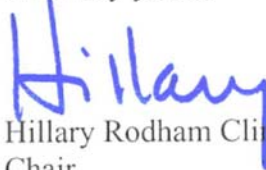
Mr. Bill Loper
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Dear Mr. Loper:

I was so pleased that you could attend the recent Senate Democratic meeting with veterans and representatives of active duty military organizations. My colleagues and I appreciated your insight into important policy issues such as TRICARE, concurrent receipt, and mandatory VA funding. Although we were unable to overcome opposition to Senator Daschle's amendment to establish mandatory funding for VA, I believe this vote was important in raising awareness of the need for adequate veterans health care funding.

It is important that we continue to reach out to veterans and servicemembers, communicate our priorities, and encourage people to be involved. I look forward to continuing to work together to advance our shared priorities.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton
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