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Dear Chairman Moran:

We write to respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs convene a full committee hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) program.

Since its inception, EHRM has been marked by significant cost overruns, repeated schedule delays, and patient safety concerns at deployment sites. Independent reviews from the VA Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) have documented system outages, medication-ordering errors, and unresolved data migration issues that have directly affected veteran care. In testimony before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee earlier this month, GAO stated that the revised lifecycle cost estimate and accelerated deployment schedule VA provided to the Committee and GAO last year are incomplete and insufficient for proper oversight. In addition, VA recently raised the EHRM contract ceiling with Oracle by \$17 billion without notifying Congress or submitting a revised justification and authorization as required by law.

Further, the recent restart of deployments at sites in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana illustrates why this oversight is timely. After pausing new rollouts in April 2023 due to concerns raised by veterans, clinicians, and Congress, VA resumed deployments on April 11, 2026, bringing the system online at the Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Detroit, and Saginaw VA facilities—the first wave of 13 sites scheduled for 2026 under the Department's accelerated timeline. Prior to that go-live, several of my colleagues wrote to VA Secretary Collins raising concerns about unresolved system defects ahead of the Michigan rollout. The Committee should examine whether the issues identified before deployment have in fact been resolved, what clinical and patient-safety data has been collected at the sites in the months since go-live, and what lessons are being applied as VA moves toward its goal of roughly 170 site deployments by 2031.

Given the scale of federal investment in this program and, more importantly, the risks it poses to the health and safety of the veterans who rely on VA care, I believe the Committee has a responsibility to conduct rigorous oversight at this juncture. Veterans and the taxpayers who fund this program deserve a clear, public accounting of where EHRM stands today and what concrete steps the Department is taking to correct course. A full committee hearing would ensure the transparency and level of scrutiny this program warrants.

We appreciate your attention to this request. Thank you, Chairman Moran, for your continued leadership on behalf of our nation's veterans.

Sincerely,



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senator



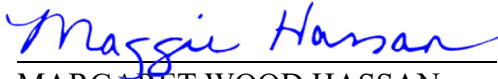
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