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Dear Dr. Reott:

Since the last time I was in touch with you, officials with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have informed me that the Hickory Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) will be opened by the end of May, 2008. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the clinic is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, at 10:00 am.

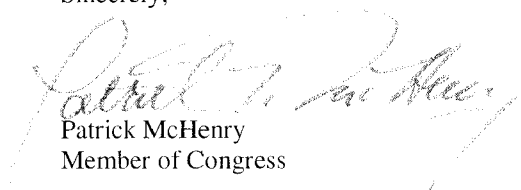
The 10,000 square foot CBOC will be located at 1170 Fairgrove Church Road in Hickory. It will provide outpatient primary care, mental health, and optometry services for an area that includes Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Wilkes counties. When it opens, its operating hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Many veterans in the CBOC's service area have been pre-screened and either have been (or will be) sent a letter from the VA with advice regarding enrollment. If you are interested in enrollment and have not received a letter or have questions, you can call the VA at (704) 638-9000, ext.2533 for more information.

I am thrilled that the first phase of the ongoing effort to give area veterans improved access to quality outpatient services is near completion. However, my excitement is tempered by the realization that the job is not nearly done. I will continue to work closely with the VA to help ensure the larger Hickory CBOC project slated for 2010 stays on track. I am also mindful that outpatient medical services are just one of many services earned by our nation's veterans that are in need of improvement. Our nation's veterans deserve only the best.

I will continue to keep you advised of developments relating to the Hickory CBOC. As always, please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or if I may be of further service to you in the meantime.

Sincerely,


Patrick McHenry
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