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Mr. Vince Haley
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The Honorable Douglas Collins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Dear Mr. Haley and Secretary Collins:

We write to request that the Administration publicly release both the feasibility study and action plan developed in compliance with President Trump’s Executive Order regarding expanding services at the Manchester VA Medical Center (MVAMC).

Signed by President Trump on May 9, 2025, the Executive Order directed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to initiate a feasibility study at the MVAMC and create an action plan “to expand services to support a full-service medical center in New Hampshire so that it is no longer the only State in the contiguous United States without such a center.”

In a briefing on April 15, 2026, VA confirmed that both the study and the action plan are complete and have been submitted to the White House. VA also confirmed that the study presented multiple options, and that the White House and VA jointly selected the option reflected in the FY2027 Presidential Budget Request for the construction of a “new VA-owned medical center providing comprehensive outpatient services in Manchester, New Hampshire.”

VA also indicated that the White House has characterized both documents as “pre-decisional” and “deliberative,” and has declined to share them with Congress, despite the fact that a subsequent briefing from VA officials indicated that a decision has been made and an interagency agreement with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is set to begin implementation this month.

New Hampshire veterans deserve access to the information and analysis that shaped this decision. Transparency about what options were considered, what data was relied upon, and whether New Hampshire stakeholder input was incorporated is essential to Granite State veterans’ ability to evaluate your Administration’s actions and whether they support their needs.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Administration make public both the feasibility study and action plan no later than April 28, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of critical importance to the more than 88,000 veterans and their families we represent across New Hampshire.

Sincerely,



Chris Pappas
Member of Congress



Jeanne Shaheen
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