



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Under Secretary for Health
Washington DC 20420

August 28, 2015

The Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Maloney:

Thank you for your August 11, 2015, letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System (HCS). I am responding on behalf of the Department.

I understand that a member of your staff spoke separately with Ms. Janet Murphy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management, and with Ms. Margaret Caplan, Director of the VA Hudson Valley HCS. During these conversations, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Caplan both stated, and I can confirm at this time, that there are no plans to shut down or consolidate services at the Castle Point Campus. As with all VA medical facilities, we are always examining how we can improve services to provide timely, high-quality care, and VA appreciates your support for New York Veterans.

VA is committed to providing consistent and complete information to Congress, Veterans, employees, and stakeholders. On July 23, 2015, Ms. Caplan held a Town Hall meeting for all Castle Point Campus employees to reaffirm that there are no plans to shut down or consolidate services at this time. Ms. Caplan has assured VA Senior Leaders that she will continue providing excellent communication with your staff, Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, local stakeholders, and VA employees, and that she will look for additional communication outreach opportunities to provide information in the future.

VA is committed to providing New York Veterans with the exceptional care and services they have earned and deserve. Should you have additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. Tim Embree, Congressional Relations Officer, at (202) 461-5552 or by email at Timothy.Embree@va.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Shulkin, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David J. Shulkin, M.D.