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The Honorable Douglas A. Collins Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Ave. NW Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Collins:

We write to express serious concern regarding reports that approximately 35,000 veterans recently received erroneous letters from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) indicating that they are facing foreclosure. For many veterans and their families, such a notice can cause significant distress, confusion, and financial hardship—even if issued in error. We are equally alarmed that this error took place and that VA has failed to notify Congress, which is unacceptable.

This alarming situation comes at a time when VA has ended critical measures designed to help veterans avoid foreclosure. The Veterans Assistance Servicing Program (VASP) offered struggling borrowers stability during difficult times, and VA's rash decision to cancel that critical program has left many veterans and their families at risk of losing their homes. Against that backdrop, the widespread distribution of inaccurate foreclosure notices not only undermines confidence in VA's loan servicing operations but also places undue emotional and financial strain on veterans who rely on VA for accuracy, support, and advocacy.

We respectfully request an immediate written explanation of how this failure occurred, what corrective actions are being taken, and how VA intends to prevent similar mistakes in the future. We further request that VA contact each impacted borrower and explain to them what happened and present them an accurate summary of their current mortgage status.

In addition to understanding how such a broad error occurred, it is equally important to know whether the reverse problem may have taken place—whether some veterans who should have received accurate foreclosure notices did not receive them at all. If so, this would create a separate and equally serious risk, as veterans might be deprived of the opportunity to act in time to protect their homes. We ask that VA clarify in writing whether this possibility has been identified and explain what steps are being taken to ensure that veterans entitled to receive proper notice are not left unaware of their situation.

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Our nation owes veterans not just gratitude but reliable, competent administration of the benefits they have earned and deserve. We urge you to treat this matter with the utmost urgency and provide a public accounting of steps being taken to ensure no veteran is wrongly placed at risk of foreclosure due to administrative error.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical issue. Should you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Justin Vogt (<u>Justin.Vogt@mail.house.gov</u>) and Ms. Kassie Stagner (<u>Kassie.Stagner@mail.house.gov</u>) with the Subcommittees on Economic Opportunity and Technology Modernization. We look forward to your response by no later than close of business on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Sincerely,

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