



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

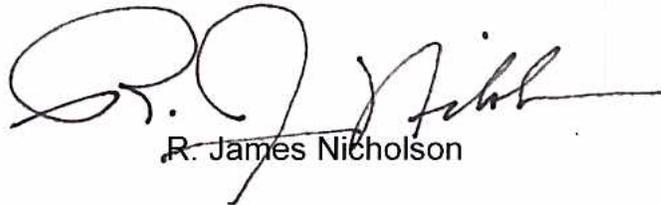
Dear Senator Clinton:

This is in response to your recent letter concerning the future of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center at Canandaigua, New York. I am pleased to inform you that I have selected Business Plan Option 9, recommended by the Local Advisory Panel and the community, as the capital plan for modernization of Canandaigua.

Business Option Plan 9 will preserve the historic ambience of part of the campus while providing for the building of a new Nursing Home and Residential Rehabilitation facilities. I believe this choice will best serve the veterans of the area.

Thank you for your continued support and interest as VA made its decision on modernization of the Canandaigua campus.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. James Nicholson", is written over a printed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

R. James Nicholson