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The Honorable Henry Waxman
Member, United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Waxman:

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This is in response to your inquiry, dated July 20, 2009, regarding the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) Golf Course.

The Golf Course located on the campus of the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center (WLA) has been closed to the public since March 30, 2009. GLA Leadership decided to close the Golf Course and suspend cash-based operations when the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) uncovered evidence of the theft of Golf Course revenue. GLA is not privy to the specifics of the investigation into the alleged embezzlement. For more information please contact:

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We do intend to find a non-profit organization to operate the Golf Course under its current conditions, through a public request for proposal process. The contractual vehicle for this partnership is through the Enhanced Sharing Authority which will not be a lease. The VA is not permitted to enter into leases at (WLA) due to Public Law 110-161, Section 224.

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Should you have further questions, please contact Mr. Ralph Tillman,
Acting Chief, Congressional and Public Affairs, at (310) 268-3822.

Thank you for your continued support of, and concern for, our
Nation's Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna M. Beiter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna M. Beiter, R.N., M.S.N.
Director