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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
House of Representatives  
8436 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90048-4183

Dear Congressman Waxman:

This is in response to your letter dated June 15, 1998, referencing the expressed concerns of your constituents over the proposed VA Medical Center Research Park.

As you know, VA Headquarters has recently approved my detail as Acting Director of the healthcare system formed by the integration of the Southern California System of Clinics and the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center effective June 17, 1998. I am in the initial phase of familiarizing myself with the concept and evaluating the VA Research Park proposal.

At this juncture, it would be premature to make a decision on this proposal. The VA Research Park remains in its earliest stages and there is no movement towards a final proposal. Beverly J. Fitzgerald, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs will contact Lisa Ellman from your district office as new developments occur.

Please contact me if you have other concerns at 310/268-3132.

Sincerely,

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**VETERANS PROGRAMS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998**

**P. L. 105-368**

**(November 10, 1998)**

**SEC. 707. MASTER PLAN REGARDING USE OF  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
LANDS AT WEST LOS ANGELES MEDICAL  
CENTER, CALIFORNIA.**

- (a) **REPORT.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the master plan of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to the use of Department lands at the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California.
- (b) **REPORT ELEMENTS.**—The report under subsection (a) shall set forth the following:
- (1) The master plan referred to in that subsection, if such a plan currently exists.
  - (2) A current assessment of the master plan.
  - (3) Any proposal of the Department for a veterans park on the lands referred to in subsection (a), and an assessment of such proposals.
  - (4) Any proposal to use a portion of those lands as dedicated green space, and an assessment of such proposals.
- (c) **ALTERNATIVE REPORT ELEMENT.**—If a master plan referred to in subsection (a) does not exist as of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall set forth in the report under that subsection, in lieu of the matters specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b), a plan for the development of a master plan for the use of the lands referred to in subsection (a) over the next 25 years and over the next 50 years.