

The Lincoln Declaration: a Letter of Concern about the Future of Veterans' Healthcare

Yours in Service,

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Granddaughter of a Navy Vet

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USAF Gulf War Vet

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Disgusted American

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Anonymous, MD

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Anonymous Staff Physician and Researcher

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Anonymous, LCSW

Ann R Falsey, MD

Anonymous, MD

Anonymous Primary Care Physician

Taylor Nichols, MD

Concerned so anon

Anonymous Child and Grandchild of Veterans

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Anonymous, MD

NYC VA NEPHROLOGIST

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Anonymous, MD

Anonymous, MD

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JP - USMC combat veteran

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Anonymous, MD

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Concerned former fed

Anonymous, supporter

Anonymous, patriotic Federal employee signing in solidarity

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Anonymous MD MPH, concerned VA primary care physician

Gina Roussos, PhD

Bethesda Declaration signer

Concerned psychologist

Primary Care Doctor and Chief of Primary Care

Concerned VA Primary Care Provider

Concerned retired VA physician

Susan F. Isbey, MD, retired in 11/2024 after 10 years from position as PCP, Durham VAMC

MD - VA Staff Psychiatrist and Primary Care Provider

Anonymous VA per diem PCP

Associate Chief of Staff MD

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Anonymous, MD

Anonymous concerned Psychologist

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Anonymous, concerned VA PCP and Clinic Medical Director

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Alarmed VA Physician

Aryn Backus, MPH, CHES

Concerned VA Primary Care Physician

Former Information Security Lead for VA.gov, fired by DOGE

Anonymous. Former VA physician and Chief of Staff at Palo Alto VAMC

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James McCormick, USMC

Anonymous- former health educator

Susan Czajkowski, PhD

Anonymous. I am a concerned primary care physician (ambulatory care) at the VA

Dr. Dillard, Former Health Equity Researcher for the VA

Concerned Primary Care physician

Demond Glynn, MD

HBPC physician

Anonymous - VA Physician, MD, MPH

Army E-5, Retired

Anonymous concerned VA primary care physician and form military physician

Anonymous caregiver to veteran and relative of former VA workers

USASC-Captain, Separated, USMA 2001

Elisa Ignatius

USNR

Paula Jernigan, MD

Adam Mueller, MD, PhD

Anonymous Disabled Vet relying on VA Healthcare and have experienced the cuts first-hand.

Anonymous

Pete Rizzo

Anonymous

Nate Kempthorne

Kevin Shephard

Amelia Beaei Love Pardo

Kevin Fullin

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VA primary care physician

Concerned family member with retired USAF Col father and family members who received/receive care from the VA

Concerned VA Pulmonary Physician

Anonymous Veteran

Army COL Retired

Friend and family of veterans

Simha Reddy, MD

VA Physician Scientist and Clinician caring for Veterans who have experienced military trauma

Concerned VA Physician

Tyler McFadden

Anonymous Bethesda Declaration Signer

Amy Schwartz, MD

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VA Primary Care Physician and Researcher

US Army National Guard Vet

Physician, VA Medical Center

Anonymous, concerned VA Gynecologist

Dinushika Mohottige, MD, MPH

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Joanna Sweatt, USMC Veteran

USMC

Anonymous concerned VA Physician

Kaitlin

Grace Ewing

concerned Public Administrator

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Carol A. Frail

Lene Mees de Tricht, USN, USCG - IS2, sep

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Anonymous, concerned VA Psychologist

Jose Vasquez

Dr. Jordan H, Psychologist

Jim Savage, USMC Veteran

Elizabeth Jamison, military family member and former VA staff

Britni Cuington, Veteran USAF

Jim Sandoe

Heidi M Dragneff

Eric Goepel

Manny Santamaria

Brian D Earhart

Dana Gallagher PA, MPH

Tracy Hydorn, PA-C

Veteran and American who expects the VA to live up to its promises as we have lived up to ours.

Chris Hill, US Army (Ret)

Stephen Mandile

Anonymous MD who trained at VAs

Anonymous VA Nephrologist

Rebecca Halioua

Anonymous MD

Dorothy J. Smith, LMT

Grateful Citizen

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Barry Czerno

Bethesda Declaration Signer

MA Vrolijk, MD

Claire Hebenstreit PhD

Retired Department of DEFENSE civilian employee with 34 years of Federal service

Anonymous PhD, RN

Timothy Boivin, USA, 1979-1988

Chad McGrath RN

Collin M. Ford

Janette E. Prukop, US Army 91C veteran

Elizabeth Offley RN

Anonymous vet worried about fellow vets

Anonymous mental health provider

Aimee Potter, LCSW

Anonymous concerned citizen and child of a veteran who served and relied on VA benefits for healthcare

Concerned VA Specialty Care Physician

Leslie Holliday

I'm an old vet. My brothers complain about the increasing lack of care

Outraged VA psychologist dedicated to Veteran care

Donald Sbragia

Tara Fischer, PhD, Biomedical Scientist

Anonymous, DNP, APRN

Stephanie Rice, Air Force Veteran

Robert C. Hamilton III

Anonymous

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VA MH provider

Concerned citizen, biomedical researcher, with many veteran friends.

Concerned Mental Health Professional

Sam Bethune, LCDR USN Ret.

Concerned veteran

Dr. Amy Owen

Anonymous - granddaughter, niece, and friend of veterans including one 100% disabled combat veteran

Nicholas Griffo

Marcus Penn, Sgt USMC 2002-2012

Concerned VA Psychologist

Samantha Sheppard

Sheeva Azma, MS

Jessica Wilson

USN - CPO, Retired

Erika Fontana, MSW, LISW-S

Tracy L

Seth Branum

Jill

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AF Retired

Not a veteran, my father & brother were. Supporter of veterans and the VA

Carra

Darcy Kramer CRC

Maureen Earlywine

Anonymous, VA mental health provider

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Anonymous, concerned mental health provider and scientist, proud daughter and niece of
honored Army and Navy Veterans

Mike Benson

Arthur Randolph Erb

Sarina Rohr

Anonymous military wife and former VAMC employee

Medical Admin Veteran Anonymous

David A Bloom

US Army Veteran

Concerned citizen

Adina Winczewski

Health System Specialist and LMSW with 14 years at VA

Concerned citizen worried about declining support for VA programs

Anonymous, concerned citizen

Disabled Veteran, retired

Anonymous, PhD

Anonymous, LMSW

Anonymous concerned citizen

Lisa J. Cross

John Haresch, MD

Joyce Pusel, BS, RN-BC

Dawn Keech

VA Beneficiary

Jamie

Anonymous, Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner

A very concerned family physician

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Sarah Sifers, PhD, LP

Supporter

Laura Greve

My grandfathers fought in WWII

Anonymous, supporter of veteran services

Alicia Y. Christy M.D. Colonel (retired)

April Williams

Family and friend of many vets

Casey Kratzer

Victoria M. Berger, RN

Anonymous, PhD

John Snethen

Beatrice Jenny Kiratli, PhD

Karin Schuhler

Rachel Kennon CNMT, veteran and healthcare worker

Anonymous, RM, LCSW

Anonymous, concerned wife of a primary care physician

Lidia Kraft

Janette Taylor

Windy Jo

Stephen P. Banks, Ph.D.

Anonymous

Anonymous, LICSW

Concerned Citizen

US ARMY, PVT Ret. (OTH)

Every VA is Understaffed

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Anonymous, my brother is a purple heart, bronze star Vietnam vet. His services are limited and in jeopardy of disappearing. Cut will only harm him after he defended this country with his life and health. We cannot fail them.

Lisa Hubbard

Anonymous, PharmD

Dianne Slater

Margaret Stermer-Cox

Anonymous VA ER physician

Robert A Downing II

Samantha Lunde, LCSW, LICSW

Darrin L. Strange

Kristie Essa APRN

Child of Military Parents

When my country called, I served with distinction, honesty, and consistent good faith, as an SP5, overseas, for 2.5 years. I need the VA services to continue as they are now.

Jennifer Scofield

Josh Zeier, PhD

VA MD researcher

Lindsay M, family member of veterans

Stephanie Tacker RN

Anonymous concerned former VA physician of nearly 10 years

Aaron Spalding, LMSW, US Army Retired. Concerned Disabled Combat Veteran and VA Clinician.

Derek James Newman

Brandy Rosenberry

We The People

S Thomas

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Connor Durocher

My father was a veteran, his brothers were veterans, my son-in-law is a veteran. Let's give them the respect they deserve for putting their lives on the line for this country.

Margot Graham

Curtis Register

Nicole David

Disabled Veteran, USN

US Army Veteran

Deeply concerned VA Social Worker

James Katz, Esquire

Devon M. Sanders

Concerned VA Pharmacist

Charle Lee Bengé

Anonymous VA LCSW

Anonymous, RN

Concerned VA Social Worker

Physician for America's Veterans

Corey Sullivan, CW3, USA

LTC, USA Retired - Combat Wounded 100%

Anonymous Recently Retired VA ER RN, alarmed with administrative overreach

Primary care physician

Anonymous, MD - trained at VA hospitals

Joy Gimbel

Daughter and sister of veterans

Elsbeth Pearce, MD

Corrin Heesch

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Jennifer Almy, family member of veteran

Marc Zaremski, MS

MD, USN retired

Concerned VA Hospitalist

Anonymous. Very concern VA vocational counselor.

John Ellis - Disabled Navy Veteran - ET2(sw)

Concerned VA Physician

Kasey Au, LCSW

Anonymous LCSW in homeless programs

Concerned hospitalist

Anonymous VA Employee

Concerned VA PACT physician

Concerned VA oncologist

Anonymous. Former psychiatric pharmacy resident, PharmD

Jana Grindheim RN

Robin Gagne USAF Retired

Concerned VA psychiatrist

Anonymous former psychiatric clinician who is concerned for increased suicides/mental health decompensation.

Physician DO & Veteran

A concerned primary care physician

Dedicated and concerned Primary Care Physician

VA Physician and Veteran

CPT Karen L Parko, MD, USPHS (Ret), Inaugural National Director, VA Epilepsy Centers of Excellence, Retired.

Shreena Patel

Pninit Varol, MD

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USNA Graduate, Class of 1983

VA MD past 14+ years

Anonymous - Concerned VA Psychiatrist (Physician) and Air Force Veteran

Anonymous - concerned LCSW provider serving seriously mentally ill veterans

Akiko Chiba

VA subspecialty surgeon

Anonymous, MD

Katrina Leslie

Worried VA Geropsychologist

Kiera Marie Mortensen Duley, Disabled Navy Veteran

US Army Veteran

Anonymous, Former Unaffiliated Healthcare Worker

KJ Humphrey

Concerned military vet's parent

Sarah Graham

Wendy Hoskins

Charlotte Blackman

A Ken

Mark H. Finley

Natasha Watson

K. Robson

April Hoover

Vernon Frazier

Anonymous, LMSW

We Are America

Registered Nurse

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Cathlyn Clark

MHSc, concerned professional

Caring human being

Sophia Alvarez

Christopher Terndrup, MD FACP

Allysa S

Anonymous, MD

Kate, psychologist

K, PhD, concerned VA researcher

PhD behavioral health provider

Tory, psychologist

Tan Mai

Anonymous- 23 yr VA employee- senior clinical licensed social worker

Lauri Costello MD, private citizen

VA Primary Care Physician and Leader

Anonymous, LICSW

CONCERNED PSYCHOLOGIST, BHIP

Anonymous, concerned VA physician

Daughter of a devoted VA worker

Darlene McMurry

Dustin smith

Janette Corcelius

Anonymous, PhD

BCETS

Concerned VA Critical Care Physician

James Martin, MD