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Washington, DC 20548

December 21, 2017

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Durbin:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 2017, jointly signed by Senator Tammy Duckworth, asking to be a corequester of a review on the Department of Veterans Affairs' oversight of quality of nursing home care in VA community living centers, state veterans' homes, and community nursing homes. This review was requested by Ranking Member Tim J. Walz, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

We have discussed your interest with staff for Ranking Member Walz and he welcomes you as a corequester of this work. Your letter has been forwarded to Ms. A. Nicole Clowers, Managing Director, Health Care. Ms. Clowers or a member of her team will be in contact with Erum Ibrahim Ali to discuss the engagement.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Clowers at 202-512-4010 or [clowersa@gao.gov](mailto:clowersa@gao.gov), or Ms. Carolyn Kirby, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9843 or [kirbyc@gao.gov](mailto:kirbyc@gao.gov).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown".

Orice Williams Brown  
Managing Director  
Congressional Relations

cc: Erum Ibrahim Ali

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