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The Honorable Phil Roe
Chairman
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
345 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Roe:

On behalf of the over 3,000 members of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

NOVA is a professional nursing organization for nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. As nurses, who are often the first face a veteran sees, we are committed to enhancing access, coordinating care and improving the healthcare at VA. With this in mind, we stand ready to work with you and your staff to improve how VA delivers care for America's heroes. We believe that preserving an integrated health care community designed to put veterans first must include VA. It is VA care that veterans overwhelmingly prefer and deserve.

Again, congratulations on your appointment and we look forward to collaborating with you and your staff on critical issues facing VA and the veterans we serve.

Sincerely,

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