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The Honorable Doug Collins
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
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Mike Hershman
Director
Veteran Health Indiana
1481 West Tenth Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Secretary Collins and Director Hershman:

The U.S. House of Representatives has advanced roughly \$2 billion in funding for the replacement and modernization of the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, as well as for a new VA clinic that appears to be planned in Fishers, Indiana.

I have recently held a number of veteran roundtables and know that you have been working to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department. However, veterans continue to face unacceptable challenges accessing timely, quality care, particularly for mental health and homelessness. As Congress and the Department move forward with these significant investments, I want to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent transparently and efficiently and, most importantly, deliver better care for Hoosier veterans.

I respectfully request the following information regarding these two projects:

Roudebush replacement and modernization: Please provide the VA's current estimated total cost and proposed allocation of funds for the replacement and modernization of Roudebush, including major construction, equipment, services, and other anticipated costs. Please also provide information regarding the procurement and competitive bidding process, including applicable procurement criteria, bidders and bid amounts, and a summary and evaluation of bids received. Additionally, please explain what safeguards will be in place to ensure that the project does not further increase the market power of IU Health or allow additional overhead or other costs to be shifted to the VA while veterans continue to struggle with access to and quality of care.

VA clinic: Please explain the competitive process used to select IU Health for the VA clinic in Fishers, including when and how the opportunity was solicited. Please provide the applicable procurement and selection criteria, RFPs or other solicitations, the bidders and bid amounts, a summary and evaluation of all bids or proposals received, and the basis for the final selection. Please also identify any alternative locations or providers considered and the estimated total cost of the selected project. Additionally, please explain what safeguards are in place to prevent IU Health or other providers from shifting overhead, facility, or other costs to the VA and ultimately to taxpayers.

Given the significant taxpayer investment involved, veterans and Congress deserve full transparency regarding how these decisions are being made, how contractors and providers are being selected, and how federal dollars are being spent.

I respectfully request a response no later than October 8, 2026.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria Spartz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Victoria Spartz
Member of Congress