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Dear

I am writing you with concerns of the Veteran's Administrative Choice Card. I am a rural area veteran and would like the opportunity to be seen at my local clinic or hospital when the need arises. I understand that the Choice card that some of us veterans received, and some of us did not, is NOT working properly. Due to the efforts of our local County Veterans Service Office sending out the stacks of complaints, packets and signed petitions to your offices, we are in hopes that this disaster, that is costing us/the taxpayer AND veteran, can be resolved.

I am asking that this be fixed, not only for me, but for all of us rural area veterans.

I am also requesting that a Veterans Home be made available in Northern Central Minnesota. We do have Silver Bay VA Home, but we have nothing in the central/northern area. This causes great stress not only on us veterans but our family members also to be so far away from our loved ones. I am suggesting Itasca County as central location. The populations of Vietnam Veterans that are becoming the new "Greatest Generation" are in need of someplace to go when we need health care assistance.

I greatly appreciate medical advances that are happening at bigger hospitals such as the Minneapolis VAMC, however, I ask that you consider the fact that the costs of these advances are being borne by the disregard for the basic needs of rural veterans.

Sincerely,