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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators McCaskill and Blunt:

I appreciate your recent interest in the St. Louis Veterans Home. Frankly, it's good to see some signs of life out of Congress. A lot of us back home have been wondering what you've been up to.

I'll tell you what we've been doing in Missouri: we've been fighting for veterans. When we learned about the possible mistreatment of veterans at the St. Louis Veterans Home, we called on the Missouri Veterans Commission to investigate immediately. Then, we directed the Department of Public Safety to complete a follow-up to the investigation. Then, we asked the Department of Veterans Affairs to do the same. We will continue to demand the best for our veterans, and we will hold those responsible for their care accountable. As a veteran myself, I won't tolerate a single one being mistreated. Every veteran—and every veteran's family—should have confidence in their care. I won't rest until they do.

But you probably knew about these investigations before you sent a letter "requesting an investigation." Or maybe you didn't? Because in the other part of your letter, you asked for a copy of the VA report on the St. Louis Veterans Home. The VA publicly released that report back in September. If you lost your copy, you can Google "St. Louis Veterans Home Survey Report VA." It's the second link down.

We don't need more meaningless letters from career politicians. What we need is action. After all that time in Washington, both of you should have some pull there, so you should talk to your friends at the VA. Get to work helping veterans, and fix the broken bureaucracy that fails our veterans and their families.

I saw too many of my friends and fellow service members return home from combat and get mistreated by the VA. I saw lives ruined and families destroyed. In fact, the terrible treatment of our veterans is one of the reasons I ran for Governor. I've seen this pain with my own eyes. I didn't just read about it in a report.

And while I have you, one more thing: Missourians need Congress to get its act together and do its job. Tax relief, Obamacare repeal, securing our borders—folks back home are looking for some results from Washington, DC. It's been too long, and we're tired of waiting.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric R. Greitens". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric R. Greitens
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