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June 27, 2019

Mr. John Hollman
Clerk of the House
420 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Hollman:

The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act (20 ILCS 2805/2.07), directs the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to report to the General Assembly on:

- the number of staff employed in providing direct patient care at our state veterans' homes (Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Veteran Nursing Assistants-Certified);
- the compliance or non-compliance with staffing standards established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for such care; and
- in the event of non-compliance with such standards, the number of staff required for compliance.

During this reporting period, January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 each of the Homes performed as follows:

- Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna employed 45 direct care staff and was in compliance with the USDVA staffing standards.
- Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle employed 124 direct care staff and was in compliance with the USDVA staffing standards.
- Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno employed 194 direct care staff and was in compliance with the USDVA staffing standards.
- Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy employed 235 direct care staff and was in compliance with the USDVA staffing standards.

This letter constitutes IDVA's confirmation that each of the Illinois Veterans' Homes had sufficient staff to provide the USDVA-required 2.5 hours of care per day and did not require additional staff to meet the standard.

The Department will continue to provide the highest level of service to the maximum number of eligible veterans possible and is working within budgetary constraints toward meeting the State increased hours of care requirement in our Homes.

We trust this reporting is acceptable and fulfills the requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Chapa LaVia".

Linda Chapa LaVia

cc: Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate
Clayton Klenke, Director CGFA Research Unit