

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 11, 2015

Mr. Robert P. McDivitt  
Director  
VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System  
2215 Fuller Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105


Dear Director McDivitt:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us today. We write as strong supporters of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' mission to care for those who have made numerous sacrifices for our nation. Subsequent to our conversation today, and following Congresswoman Dingell's letter on November 23, 2015, we understand you have been working to identify the source of particulate matter that is being observed on surgical equipment and have taken steps to remedy the situation. Meanwhile, we have received calls telling us that surgeries have resumed despite the continued presence of particulate matter on surgical equipment.

Patient safety must be the top priority at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. We want to work with you to ensure that you have the resources you need to fix this problem as soon as possible, and we want to be partners with you in this effort. Please let us know how we can assist you. We also want to seek your assurances that the safety of patients continues to be your top priority and that surgeries are not being conducted in unsafe conditions. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

  
Debbie Dingell  
Member of Congress

  
Tim Walberg  
Member of Congress