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Mr. John S. Halikowski  
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Dear Director Halikowski:

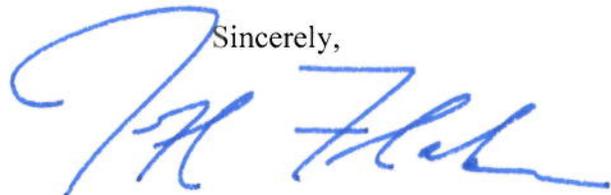
I am writing to bring to your attention a concern raised by several Arizona armed services veterans regarding adequate signage for Department of Veterans Affairs facilities along the state's roads and highways.

The Veterans Health Administration maintains thirty six facilities in Arizona. Many of the larger urban locations are clearly distinguished with identifying signs along the roadway. However, some smaller community-based outpatient clinics and similar sites are apparently more difficult to locate. It is my understanding that state law governing roadway signage prohibiting the use of signs to highlight them is potentially responsible.

Clearly, the responsibility to determine rules and regulations for roadway signage in Arizona lies squarely with the Arizona state government. That said, we all share the responsibility of ensuring veterans have access to the services offered. With that in mind, I pass along the feedback I have received from veterans and their families. In addition, I would appreciate being apprised of whether your department is aware of these concerns and if so what steps have been taken or are planned to address them.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you. As always, I ask that this request be handled in strict accordance with department rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines.

Sincerely,



JEFF FLAKE  
United States Senator