Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2010

The Honorable Eric Shinseki
Secretary of Veterans' Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki,

Thank you for your consistent leadership in the development of a new technologically improved Veterans Health Administration that is veteran-centered in its mission. The construction of a new VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, is the fulfillment of this nation's long-standing commitment to our Colorado veterans and their families. That commitment also extends to the families of our active duty service members, as well as veterans.

For that reason, we are asking for your support for the application of the Department of Veterans Affairs Denver Regional Office to construct a new 20-bed Fisher House near the site of the new state-of-the art, stand-alone VA Medical Center.

As you know, the Fisher House Foundation has provided on-site residential housing facilities for the families of active duty and veteran patients since 1990. Over the years, Fisher Houses across the world have provided free short-term residential housing services to over 10,000 veteran and service member families at a savings of hundreds of millions of dollars.

We urge your support for this project and the acceleration of the construction schedule to ensure that the Fisher House will be ready to serve the families of those who served this nation with honor.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress

Mark Udall
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