

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 1, 2025

Sunaina Kumar-Giebel
Region 19 VISN Director
4100 E. Mississippi Ave., Suite 1100
Glendale, CO 80246

Dear Mrs. Kumar-Giebel:

We write to request that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Rocky Mountain Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 19) approve the construction of a VA clinic in Fremont County, Colorado. The project is currently pending VISN approval.

After taking office in 2023, Congresswoman Pettersen wrote to you to request the establishment of a VA clinic in Fremont County. While we are pleased by the progress that has been made—such as the inclusion of the Fremont County clinic within the VA’s FY26 Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP) process priority list—the project has awaited approval at the VISN level for over two years.

As you know, there are no VA clinics operating in Fremont County, and veterans in the area urgently need health care support. An estimated 3,500 veterans live in Cañon City and Florence. When accounting for unincorporated parts of Fremont County, nearly 5,000 eligible area veterans are in need of care. This data firmly pushes the planned clinic over the threshold for a second in-house primary care team and demonstrates the critical need for an operational clinic. As the members of the Congressional delegation representing the Fremont County region, we remain supportive of the planned construction, and we urge you to expeditiously approve the construction request to better serve veterans in need of assistance.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, laws, and guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator