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April 12, 2020

The Honorable Lucy McBath  
United States Congresswoman (GA-06)  
5775 Glenridge Drive  
Building B, Suite 380  
Atlanta, GA 30328

Dear Congresswoman McBath:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Women Veterans in Cobb County. I appreciate the opportunity to address future health care from the multi-specialty clinic located at 1161 Bells Ferry Road in Marietta with an estimated opening date of August 2022.

The Atlanta VA Health Care System (AVAHCS) continues to explore ways to improve access and resources to make health care more accessible and more sensitive to gender specific needs for all our locations. Our Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) have a minimum of two Designated Women Health Providers (DWHP) who are specially trained and experienced in the delivery of women's healthcare. The DWHP will be located in the Bells Ferry Clinic.

The Women's Veterans Program and the Primary Care Service Line continue to recruit Designated Women's Health Providers (DWHP). New physician, nurse practitioner, and physician assistance hires receive one-on-one training in Women Veteran Healthcare needs.

In addition to the DWHP, there is a Women's Health Liaison Nurse Champion identified at each CBOC to support gender specific care delivery needs. The Nurse Champion provides local CBOC insights identifying the needs of Women Veterans assigned to these clinics to the Women's Veterans Program Manager and Women Veterans Health Committee.

The planning for the Bell's Ferry Cobb Clinic is underway and a dedicated space for multi-disciplinary specialty care has been identified to include social work and gynecology services for Women Veterans.

It is the Mission of our Health Care System to treat every Veteran with respect, dignity and courtesy. Thank you for your continued support of our Georgia Veterans. If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Jamya Pittman, Director of the Women's Veterans or Ms. Kathleen O'Loughlin, Women's Veterans Program Manager, Atlanta VA Health Care System, at (404) 321-6111, extension 202078.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann R. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Ann R. Brown, FACHE  
Director  
Atlanta VA Health Care System