



**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Inspector General  
Washington, DC 20420**

May 30, 2014

Project on Government Oversight (POGO)  
1100 G Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3806

Re: Subpoena for Records

To Whom It May Concern:

Accompanying this letter is a Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General subpoena calling for the production of certain records. The subpoena is returnable at the place, date, and time indicated on the subpoena. The subpoena has been issued pursuant to the authority given to the Inspector General by the Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is conducting oversight to determine whether VA provided timely care to veterans at the VA Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. We are requesting all records that POGO has received from current or former employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans, and other individuals or entities relating in any way to wait-times, access to care, and/or patient scheduling issues at the Phoenix, Arizona VA Healthcare System and any other VA medical facility.

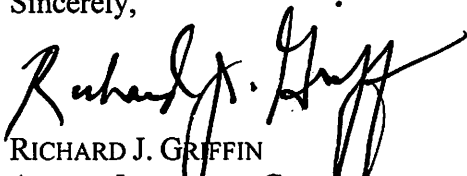
Fully legible and complete copies of the records called for by the subpoena will be accepted, provided that the original records will be made available to the Office of Inspector General, upon request, during normal business hours. At the time the records are produced, a custodian of records of POGO will be asked to certify, by completing the enclosed "Affidavit of Compliance," that the records produced are complete, authentic, and in full compliance with the subpoena.

Failure to appear at the time and place set forth and as specified in the subpoena will be taken as a failure to comply with the subpoena. In lieu of personal appearance, you may provide the requested documents electronically or by express mail to the following address:

Maureen Regan  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Inspector General (50C)  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

If you can produce the records in electronic format, please contact Ms. Regan at (202) 461-4531 or [maureen.regan@va.gov](mailto:maureen.regan@va.gov) and she will establish a secure portal for sending the documents electronically.

Sincerely,



RICHARD J. GRIFFIN  
ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL

Enclosures

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**SUBPOENA**

**TO: Custodian of Records  
Project on Government Oversight (POGO)  
1100 G Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3806**

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR BEFORE**

**THE COUNSELOR TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Maureen Regan or her designee**

An official of the Office of Inspector General, at **Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, 801 Eye Street NW, Room 1120,**

in the City of **Washington, and District of Columbia,**

on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 at 10:00 a.m. of that day

and you are hereby required to bring with you and produce at said time and place the following information:

All records that POGO has received from current or former employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans, and other individuals or entities relating in any way to wait-times, access to care, and/or patient scheduling issues at the Phoenix, Arizona VA Healthcare System and any other VA medical facility.

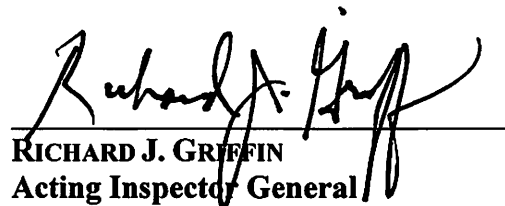
This information is necessary in the performance of the responsibility of the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. The Inspector General is authorized to conduct and supervise audits and investigations for the detection and prevention of fraud and abuse in, and the promotion of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, the programs and operations of the DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

As used in this subpoena, the term "records" has the following meaning:

Documents; reports; forms; applications; statements; answers; records; accounts; papers; e-mails; notes; ledgers; journals; receipts; invoices; vouchers; contracts; agreements; appointment books; calendars; diaries; charts; plans; sketches; drawings; maps; graphs and other graphic representations; letters; memoranda; minutes of meetings; notebooks; filings; resolutions; telegrams; opinions or reports of consultants; stenographic notes, tapes, summaries, transcripts or any other records of telephone conversations, personal conversations, interviews, meetings, conferences, investigations, negotiations, hearings or other proceedings; photographs; audio or

video tapes; advertisements; brochures; circulars; pamphlets; data contained in any data base including computer databases; and all other information whether written, printed, recorded, produced, reproduced, or stored on any mechanical, magnetic, or other process or medium including the original and all copies, if different or annotated in any way, in the possession and/or control of the entity named as the recipient of this subpoena wherever said items are physically located.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the signature of the **Acting Inspector General of the Office of Inspector General of the DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** is affixed at Washington, D.C. this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.



**RICHARD J. GRIFFIN**  
**Acting Inspector General**

**Appendix I—Affidavit of Compliance**

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SUBPOENA

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (custodian of records for \_\_\_\_\_), having knowledge of the facts and circumstances relating to the production of documentary materials in response to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General subpoena duces tecum addressed to \_\_\_\_\_, and served on \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare that I have conducted and/or caused to be conducted a search of all of my records (and those of the \_\_\_\_\_ where document responsive to the subpoena may be found. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, I have produced to the Office of Inspector General all of the documents in my possession, custody or control (or in the possession, custody or control of \_\_\_\_\_) that are responsive to the subpoena, and that all of the records provided are complete, authentic, and in full compliance with the subpoena.

I have not altered, discarded, or destroyed any of the records requested in the subpoena, and I know of no such alteration or destruction of relevant documents.

Any records required by the subpoena that have been withheld from production under any claim or privilege, or otherwise, have been identified on a separate document attached hereto and incorporated herein, along with the reason(s) that these documents have been withheld.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**NOTE: PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1001, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS IN ANY MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

**PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1516, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OBSTRUCT OR IMPEDE A FEDERAL AUDITOR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES.**