

# **EXHIBIT 24**



**Office of the General Counsel**  
Washington DC 20420

In Reply Refer To: ILG/024T  
OGC Case #: 50524

August 3, 2016

Mr. Charles Ornstein  
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New York, NY 10013

*RE: FOIA request dated September 3, 2015 – 15-07638-F*

Dear Mr. Ornstein:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and in reference to your July 13, 2016, letter that was addressed to Ms. Laverne Council and Ms. Leigh Bradley. Our office received your letter on July 27, 2016, and we have docketed it as an appeal under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) stemming from a non-response by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) September 3, 2015.

We are currently working with FOIA Officer for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) in Washington, DC to have them provide you a response to that Initial FOIA Request. VHA is working in conjunction with the Office of Information & Technology (OI&T) to process your FOIA request.

Once completed, you will receive a reply directly from VHA. Until then, your appeal with our office will remain open and we will monitor its status with VHA.

Once VHA responds to you, we will notify you that they have done so and then close your FOIA appeal at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Knight".

Tracy Knight  
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