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The Honorable Robert McDonald  
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Dear Secretary McDonald:

I write to express my concerns regarding the lack of a permanent Medical Director at the Central Arkansas Veterans Health System (CAVHS). Currently, CAVHS is operating under Interim Medical Center Director Dr. Margie Scott, and, although I value the important and substantial work of Dr. Scott, I am concerned that the lack of a permanent Medical Director provides uncertainty for our Arkansas veterans. As a former chief executive, you know the key planning and morale benefits of having a permanent leader in a critical role.

At a recent meeting with a number of veterans from Arkansas's Second Congressional District, I heard concerns about the need to appoint a permanent Medical Director at CAVHS. These veterans have bravely served their country and continue to serve and be involved in their local communities. I value the service and opinions of these men and women, especially when it comes to the needs of our veterans in central Arkansas.

I request that you provide me with an update on progress made by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on the hiring of a permanent Medical Director, and I urge the VA to act quickly in appointing a capable leader to ensure the effective care of our veterans. I appreciate your attention to this matter and your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. French Hill".

French Hill  
Member of Congress