

**Witness List  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Full Committee Oversight Field Hearing**

***"Challenges in Rural America: Infrastructure Needs and Access to Care"***

Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (local time)  
Mueller Civic Center  
801 South 6th Street  
Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747

**Panel 1:**

**Tim Jurgens**  
Commander  
American Legion Department of South Dakota

**Bryan Brewer**  
President  
Oglala Sioux Tribe

**Robert Nelson**  
Veteran

**Amanda Campbell**  
Community Stakeholder

**Patrick Russell**  
Co-Chair  
Hot Springs Save the VA Committee

**Larry Zimmerman**  
Secretary  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
State of South Dakota

**Panel 2:**

**Steven Julius M.D.**  
Chief Medical Center and Acting Director  
Veterans Integrated Service Network 23  
Veterans Health Administration  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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*Accompanied by:*

*Stephen DiStasio*

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Veterans Integrated Service Network 23  
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**Statement for the Record**

**Senator Tim Johnson**

**Senator John Thune**