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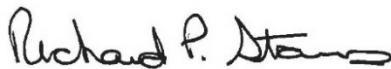
To the Committee Staff:

In regard to the hearing held May 17th on the Department of Veterans Affairs' medical and research prosthetic program, we would like to make an addition to the hearing record. Representative Poliquin asked Ms. Rusconi about the handling of unspent funds from an NIH research award. We would like to add the following statement to Ms. Rusconi's response:

It should be noted that funds drawn from an NIH or other federal grant by an NPC include the federally negotiated indirect rate to administer those funds. Those administrative funds are used to support the NPC, whose sole mission is to support VA research.

Thank you for holding this important hearing and giving NAVREF the opportunity to represent the perspective of the VA-affiliated nonprofit corporations.

Respectfully,



Richard P. Starrs
Chief Executive Officer



Robin Rusconi
Chairperson