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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the V.A. Outpatient Clinic at 251 Causeway Street in Boston. As you know, I oppose any effort by the V.A. to move the full service outpatient clinic out of downtown Boston.

As you may be aware, in 1993 the Department of Veterans Affairs was moving ahead with a plan that would have moved most of the primary care medical services out of the downtown clinic and to the V.A. Medical Center in Jamaica Plain by 1998. Working with Senator Kennedy, Senator Kerry, Congressman Kennedy, and then Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Sonny Montgomery (D-MS), I was able to secure a commitment from the Department of Veterans Affairs to maintain a full service clinic in downtown Boston. Under this agreement, all services offered at the downtown clinic will maintain intact through 1998. After 1998, the vast majority of services will remain downtown with only a limited number of specialized services moving to the Jamaica Plain facility.

Currently, it is my understanding that the Department of Veterans Affairs is negotiating with the owners of the building at 251 Causeway Street for an extension of the lease. If an agreement can not be reached, the V.A. may explore moving the clinic to another downtown location. Any possible future downtown location must be comparable to the current facility in terms of being physically suited to providing the high quality of care that is currently offered at the Causeway Street clinic, being in a safe neighborhood, and being accessible by public transportation.

Thank you again for contacting me on this important Veterans' issue. If you have any further questions regarding the status of the V.A. Outpatient Clinic in downtown Boston, please do not hesitate to contact me or Sean Ryan of my staff at (617) 565-2920.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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Congressman

Feb 13, 95

John Joseph Moakley
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Dear Sir,

I heard they are closing the cause
wayst clinic in Boston.

That place is very needed for us
D.A.V. Its location at North Station
is ideal for all commuters on the
Purple, Green, Orange and Red Lines of
the M.T.A.

I and all the D.A.V. would appreciate
if you can help us on this problem.

Sincerely,
[Redacted]
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Donna, 02122