

October 13, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

***Re: Full Time Van Driver***

Dear Governor Haley,

I, Robert L. Hall, a Disable American Veteran is writing this letter to recommend, we need skilled Van Drivers to assist us with transportation to and from our appointments. This is an opportunity for creating jobs for the unemployed. We put everything on the line in defense of America to protect our country, government and families from the hard crudity of others who tries to destroy the greatest country there is, the United States of America.

Recently, I was diagnosed with throat cancer and depend on my family to take me to and from my appointments. I reside in Lancaster, SC and the nearest VA Hospital for me is in Columbia, SC. I understand that DAV has purchased 2, 856 vehicles, but the Vans are inoperable when you can't get volunteers to drive them. Yes, our families are the vast majority of our support with transportation. DAV could implement a secured way of transportation by creating jobs for full time drivers. It will be great support to the wounded, ill and injured veterans who can rely on a sure way of transportation and not miss their medical appointments because there are no volunteers.

The volunteers are mostly disable veterans, trying to help each other. I know the United States has the most comprehensive system in assisting Veterans, many programs have been implemented to support the Veterans, but it is important for the Veterans to be able to meet their appointment schedules by having someone, they can depend on for transportation.

As I look over a lot of great things Former President George W. Bush said and did for the Veterans, I am so thankful because that is when most of us received an increase. I could see why now President Barack Obama was mad about the situation in Phoenix.

"One of the things I have treasured the most is to be the Commander-in-Chief of men and women of courage and character and decency"

— **President George W. Bush, 12/06/08**

**Ensured Those Who Have Served Our Country Receive The Benefits They Deserve**

- Called for and signed a GI Bill for the 21st century, which expanded education benefits for service members and veterans and made it easier for those who defend our Nation to transfer unused education benefits to their spouses or children.
- Increased career counseling services for returning veterans, particularly those wounded in combat.

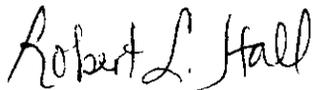
- Signed legislation that increased from two to five years a combat veteran's eligibility to enroll for lifetime VA medical care and allowed family members of injured service members to take additional time away from their jobs to care for their loved ones.
- Signed legislation to ensure military retirees with severe disabilities receive both their military retired pay and their VA disability compensation.
- Helped more than 1.9 million veterans enroll in the VA health care system since 2001.
- Reduced the average length of time to process a veteran's disability claim to under 180 days, down from 230 days when the President took office.

#### President Obama 'Madder Than Hell' About VA

Dr. Foote alleges the Phoenix VA kept an unofficial list for scheduling patient appointments which made official wait times, which were reported to VA authorities; seem much shorter than they actually were. He also alleges as many as 40 veterans could have died while waiting for appointments. The House Committee on Veterans Affairs has also said it has found similar discrepancies in its own investigation of the facility.

It is my prayer that you take my recommendation under consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Hall  
Disable American Veteran