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Dear Mr. Casey,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for arranging the donation of the book: "What They Signed Up For" by Jeb Wyman, as well as for your assistance with arranging the lecture by Dr. Colonel Lisa Carrington Firmin and donation of her book entitled: "Stories from the Front: Pain, Betrayal, and Resilience on the MST Battlefield" to our Primary Care Resident Physicians.

The veteran stories shared by Mr. Wyman are a phenomenal collection of experiences that captures not only the physical and emotional challenges faced by our veterans who returned from serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also the complexities of returning to civilian life. These deeply impactful stories have provided us with an insight into the traumas that our patients face, and will contribute to our ongoing efforts to provide the best possible care to our veteran patients.

We would also like to offer our sincere thanks for connecting us with Colonel Firmin to arrange the lecture for our Physicians, Residents and Providers at the Puget Sound Hospital. Her presentation was incredibly powerful and offered our providers a unique perspective on the experiences of women veterans. The stories and poetry she shared not only deepened our empathy but also inspired us to advocate for better support and care for those who have experienced similar traumas.

Your dedication to facilitating important conversations and raising awareness within the medical community is truly commendable. Thank you for your commitment to giving veterans a voice, and for your unwavering support of our medical community's efforts to provide compassionate and comprehensive care to those who have served our country.

With sincerest appreciation,

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