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Dear Colleagues,

One of PVA's highest priorities is the health and safety of the members we serve, our staff, as well as everyone who engages with our organization. We are clearly aware of the challenges around the country as COVID-19 cases increase and the inevitable impact this will place on travel for our 2021 Healthcare Summit and Expo stakeholders.

Out of an abundance of caution, PVA has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Summit. While the importance of this event cannot be overstated, the well-being of participants, staff, and guests supersedes all other considerations.

For 75 years, PVA has worked tirelessly to ensure our nation's Veterans with spinal cord injury/disease receive the best quality health care. Through our Healthcare Summit and Expo, we share the most updated and vital information, state-of-the-art research, and emerging science, which is often put to immediate use in the caring for individuals with spinal cord injury and disease such as MS, and ALS.

As the only Veterans service organization that hosts an annual health care summit to advance SCI/D care worldwide, PVA knows it can't do this alone. It's the efforts of the nearly 100 clinicians and researchers, as well as program committee members, who sign on with PVA and prepare presentations, and we sincerely appreciate their efforts.

We extend a special Thank You to all our generous sponsors for their continued commitment to PVA and our mission to change lives and build brighter futures for our nation's SCI/D community. Without their support, we couldn't hold important events, like our Healthcare Summit and Expo, year after year. PVA is grateful to Smith-Nephew, Genentech, Novartis, Permobil, Biogen, NMEDA, First Nation Group, and 3M for their Summit sponsorship.

We will be announcing plans soon for the 2022 Healthcare Summit and Expo. We look forward to getting together next year for the Summit.

Sincerely,

Charles Brown  
National President

Sincerely,

Carl Blake  
Executive Director