From: Christopher B. Shaw

To: Veteran Advocate Hiring Committee Subject: Consideration Withdrawal

Thank you for taking the time to consider me to lead the Massachusetts Veteran Advocate Team. The Veteran Advocate mission will become a critical element in ensuring our Massachusetts veterans obtain their earned benefits, maintain access to care and are treated with dignity and respect. This is a mission I firmly believe in.

Only after significant consultation have I concluded that this position is not right for me at this time. In light of this realization, I request you withdraw my application from further consideration. Despite not moving forward with my candidacy for the Veteran Advocate position, I remain steadfast in desire to help my fellow veterans. I look forward to assisting the Veteran Advocate team in any way I can.

Semper Fidelis,

*CB Shaw*

Chris Shaw

Colonel of Marines (retired)