

**Statement from Mr. Kerry Metoxen  
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The Oneida Nation Veterans Dept. fully endorses an initiative to simplify the Appeals Process and supports VA's efforts to reform the Appeals Process to one that will better serve Veterans and tax payers. The current process is more than 80 years old and was implemented after WWI. Each appeal takes approximately 3-5 years to complete.

The current process is failing Veterans, tax payers, and the American public

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