

January 23, 2021

American Federation of Government Employees
Local 1631
17273 State Route 104
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Dear Friends:

Thank you to AFGE leadership for organizing this event, and thank you to all of you for your efforts to support your fellow workers and care for our veterans.

I know that your struggle has not been easy, and that many of you are making great sacrifices to provide for your families. My staff has spoken with the employees of ward 30CD and understand this temporary closure has caused uncertainty for its employees, with growing concerns about the future of the ward. I stand with you in your efforts to obtain more transparency from leadership on the future of this ward, and when you can expect to resume to your normal duties.

My office will stay in communication with AFGE Local 1631 on this matter and all matters regarding the Chillicothe VAMC moving forward. I ask that you please share any of your individual concerns with my office. Anthony Eliopoulos (202-604-8966) is our office's Veterans and Military Affairs Liaison and Sam Miller (740-251-3284) is our office's Appalachian Regional Representative.

I stand in solidarity with you, urging Chillicothe VAMC leadership to listen to its employees and union members about the future of Building 30 at the medical center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherrod Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown