From:	Syrek, Christopher D.
Sent:	Thu, 17 Apr 2025 12:29:36 +0000
To:	Kasperowicz, Peter I.; Burch, Jennifer A.; Cashour, Curtis E.
Cc:	Brazell, Karen L.
Subject:	RE: WIRED question on VA use of AI

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From: Kasperowicz, Peter I. ^{(b)(6)} @va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Burch, Jennifer A. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>; Syrek, Christopher D. ^{(b)(6)} @va.gov>;
Cashour, Curtis E. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Cc: Brazell, Karen L. ^{(b)(6)} @va.gov>
Subject: RE: WIRED question on VA use of AI

Thanks Jen. Will send the statement along this morning.

From: Burch, Jennifer A. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 8:23 AM
To: Kasperowicz, Peter I ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>; Syrek, Christopher D.
^{(b)(6)} va.gov>; Cashour, Curtis E. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Cc: Brazell, Karen L. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Subject: RE: WIRED question on VA use of AI

Good morning,

Yes we used AI to assist us with finding sub-regulatory documents.

From: Kasperowicz, Peter I. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 8:27 PM
To: Syrek, Christopher D. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>; Cashour, Curtis E. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Cc: Brazell, Karen L ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>; Burch, Jennifer A. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
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Thanks Chris. My understanding is that this has happened and AI helped sift through 7,000+ documents and policies into a pile of a few hundred that we looked at for adjustments.

Jen let me know if that agrees with your understanding.

From: Syrek, Christopher D. ^{(b)(6)} @va.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 8:11 PM
To: Kasperowicz, Peter I ^{(b)(6)} @va.gov>; Cashour, Curtis E. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
Cc: Brazell, Karen L. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>; Burch, Jennifer A. ^{(b)(6)} va.gov>
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Jen ran this effort and karen likely has some intel.

Did we actually successfully use AI to do this, if so I am ok with the statement. I just want to make sure we used it, and didn't end up actually having to do the searches manually.

From: Kasperowicz, Peter I. <(b)(6) @va.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 5:40 PM
To: Syrek, Christopher D. (b)(6) @va.gov>; Cashour, Curtis E (b)(6) @va.gov>
Subject: WIRED question on VA use of AI

WIRED is asking about one way VA is using AI... to quickly assess policies for consistency with the WH.

They got a leaked memo describing this, so worth describing it in a brief answer:

With your OK we'll send the following:

VA is using AI to search thousands of documents from previous administrations to identify any policies that aren't in Veterans' best interests or are otherwise unconstitutional, unlawful, or inconsistent with Trump Administration priorities. VA staff are reviewing these policies and deciding which to revise, rescind, or reverse to better serve Veterans.

From: Elliott, Vittoria (b)(6) @wired.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Kasperowicz, Peter I. (b)(6) @va.gov
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Time Sensitive Media Request from WIRED

Hi Peter,

Wanted to follow up. A couple of things about the memorandum.

It is dated April 3 and is signed by Nathan Sanfilippo, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enterprise Integration. The subject line is: "Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Analysis (OMB/OIRA) request analysis of all existing VA sub-regulatory materials to determine if they are inconsistent with the Administration's priorities and Executive Orders (EOs) for potential rescission."

Best,

Vittoria

On Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 9:55 AM Kasperowicz, Peter I. <(b)(6) @va.gov> wrote:
Just tried you by phone. I'm in and out all day, let me know if there's a good time for you.

From: Elliott, Vittoria <(b)(6) @wired.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:30:21 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: VA Public Affairs <(b)(6) @va.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Time Sensitive Media Request from WIRED

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- Continuous monitoring and human review of AI applications to ensure ongoing compliance and performance.

This memo gives us clear direction, and in the coming months we will refocus our CAIO activities to ensure use case owners undersatnd and can meet these new streamlined requirements, and seek opprunities to accelerate the most promising AI use cases across the Department. The CAIO (b)(5) will continue to hold weekly office hours to help use case owners with specific AI adoption questions and issues.

I look forward to working with you all on this strategically important technology.

Charles Worthington
Chief Technology Officer & Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
(b)(6)   va.gov | m: 202-430 (b)(

Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Re: Request to Retain (b)(6)
Date:	Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 3:56:36 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From:	(b)(6) Q2
To:	Worthington, Charles
CC:	(b)(6) @gsa.gov, Lavingia, Sahil
Category:	Staff has for Action, Important
Attachments:	img-880de572-68ec-4e8b-86a6-8fbb133586e0

Approved from my end

On Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 3:15PM Worthington, Charles < (b)(6)   > wrote:
Hi (b)(6) -

I'm writing to request that (b)(6)   Digital Corps Fellow) be retained by GSA while VA works to find (b)(6) a desk near her location (Louisville KY), consistent with VA's Return to Office Policy. (b)(6) is a valuable contributor to my AI team, which is working to deploy AI-assisted software development tools like Cursor, Windsurf, GitHub agent etc. This is an effort also strongly supported by Sahil (our DOGE engineering representative) cc'ed.

More details below, if needed.

Thanks for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions,
Charles Worthington

Charles Worthington
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(b)(6)   is a high-performing artificial intelligence (AI) expert with the Digital Corps Fellowship, assigned to the VA Chief AI Officer team. VA currently has very few AI experts & maintaining this expertise is crucial for VA to be successful in adopting AI to become more efficient & effective at serving Veterans.

(b)(6) is leading VA's AI-assisted software development effort. Thus far, this pilot has demonstrated over 4 hours/week of time savings per survey respondent – resulting in significant VA time & cost savings. (b)(6) is also a data scientist working on a project to decrease Veteran delays in the VA's disability claims process, and has a leadership role in implementing AI management & standards across VA, as required by the new administration in OMB M-25-21 and M-25-22 released April 3, 2025.

(b)(6) is a new mother living in Louisville, Kentucky. VA is in the process of finding a desk for (b)(6) near Louisville and, by VA policy, VA employees are instructed to work from home while VA works to identify and assign desks for employees. We are requesting that (b)(6) be allowed to follow VA RTO policy during this provisional time where VA is working to assign desks to everyone.