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VETERANS
FOR AMERICA

June 4, 2014

The Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member
Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
825A Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0303

Dear Senator Burr:

Concerned Veterans for America would like to express our strong support for the Veterans Choice Act of 2014.

As a non-profit, grassroots veteran's organization with a presence across the country, we believe this piece legislation advances three key aspects of organizational reform that have been sorely lacking at the Department of Veterans Affairs—choice, transparency, and accountability. In order to transform the corrosive and bureaucratic culture at VA, the Veterans Choice Act will give veterans increased flexibility when it comes to their healthcare, provides increases transparency about real hospital wait times, and includes long-overdue performance accountability for VA managers.

With at least 42 VA facilities being investigated for inappropriate scheduling practices, it is clear that VA is a system in crisis. Immediate action must be taken to restore veteran's faith in their organization—including giving them more options to receive timely and quality care. This bill represents a targeted and tailored reform that both addresses urgent and acute problems at VA—making the lives of veterans better immediately—while also establishing the framework for system-wide and cultural transformation at VA.

America's veterans deserve the best service possible when utilizing all aspects of VA service—especially healthcare and benefits. CVA believes the Veterans Choice Act is the best piece of legislation available to change the culture at VA, making outcome of veterans the core priority for VA. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of America's veterans – and we look forward to aggressively supporting real reform effort like this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hegseth'.

Pete Hegseth
CEO, Concerned Veterans for America

