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VETERANS
FOR AMERICA

March 25, 2015

Honorable Bradley Byrne
United States House of Representatives
119 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Byrne,

Concerned Veterans for America would like to express our full support for the Real Choice for Veterans Act, which would make a clarification to the language in the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA), which passed the House in 2014.

Last summer we advocated for the VACAA, and we continue to believe that it was a step in the right direction. But the interpretation and implementation of the law has led to a situation wherein many veterans are being denied access and choice in their care due to their proximity to a VA facility, whether or not that facility provides the care that they need.

This legislation provides clarity by specifying in the language of the law that the facility that is less than 40 miles from the veteran's home must be "able to provide to the veteran the care and services that the veteran seeks." This is common sense. If the veteran is unable to receive the needed care, the law – which ostensibly aims to promote access and choice – is pointless.

As such, CVA fully supports this change, and we thank you for your leadership in addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Pete Hegseth
CEO, Concerned Veterans for America

