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The Honorable Beto O'Rourke
House of Representatives
1330 Longworth HOB
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The Honorable Mike Coffman
House of Representatives
2443 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 5337: Veteran Prescription Continuity Act

Dear Congressmen O'Rourke and Coffman,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan policy and advocacy organization composed of military and veteran service organizations, writes to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Veteran Prescription Continuity Act. As you have recognized, there is currently a disconnect between the DoD and VA prescription drug formularies, resulting in some service members losing access to DoD prescriptions when transitioning to the VA system.

H.R. 5337 will prevent gaps in prescription availability by requiring the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a joint uniform formulary with respect to pharmaceutical agents. We understand that last year's NDAA took a step in this direction by developing a joint DoD and VA formulary. However, it only accounted for certain medical conditions and did not require the formulary to be regularly updated. Your legislation will require the formulary to allow for new or emergent drugs and prescription medications for the control of pain, sleep disorders, and psychiatric conditions—including post-traumatic stress disorder—and any other conditions determined appropriate by the secretaries.

We are pleased to support bipartisan legislation that will ensure that veterans will be able to continue their prescription drug regimen with as little disruption as possible. This is a common sense step that will make a difference in the lives of thousands of service members, veterans, and their families.

We salute your cooperation and leadership in addressing this important issue. NMVA supports H.R. 5337 and we would like you to know that you have our continued thanks. Please feel free to contact us regarding this and any issue affecting veterans, retirees, their families, and their surviving spouses.

Sincerely,

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Member Organizations, National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA)

American Military Retirees Association	Military Order of the Purple Heart
American Military Society	Military Order of the World Wars
American Retirees Association	Reserve Officers Association
Army Navy Union	The Flag and General Officers Network
Association of the United States Navy	Society of Military Widows
AMVETS	The Retired Enlisted Association
Military Order of Foreign Wars	Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors