

March 02, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Moran:

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan group comprised of the undersigned military and veteran service organizations, writes to offer our support for title 1 of S. 2184, the Veterans Community Care and Access Act of 2017. If enacted, this provision would establish access standards for a newly created Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

NMVA believes that title 1 of S. 2184 should be included in any proposed VA reform legislation because it establishes defined standards and metrics regarding a veterans access to community providers. This provision represents a significant improvement over the current Veterans Choice Program by replacing existing guidelines with definitive standards for community care eligibility based on individual market area assessments of each VA medical facility, by replacing the problematic "30 day/40 mile rule" and by still offering each enrolled veteran a clear understanding of when they would become eligible to seek care in the community.

NMVA thanks you for your leadership on this issue, and your continued commitment to veterans and their families. We look forward to working with you to help advance this important provision.

Sincerely,



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