



November 17, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Thune and Speaker Johnson,

On behalf of thousands of veterans, military families, and grassroots activists around the country, **we write to offer our strong support for the bipartisan-supported H.R.740/S.275, the Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025. We urge you to quickly bring this bill to a floor vote and send it to President Trump's desk.** Sponsored by Rep. Mike Bost and Sen. Jerry Moran, the legislation would benefit millions, protecting and building upon President Trump's signature first-term veterans' health care accomplishment, the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

The VA MISSION Act created the Veterans Community Care Program, which allowed millions of veterans to seek care outside of the VA when appointments were too far away or not available soon enough. Unfortunately, the Biden VA undermined implementation, violating the letter and spirit of the law by restricting access to community care options. Extensive Freedom of Information Act records revealed that the VA manipulated wait times to reduce community care eligibility, did not tell veterans when they were eligible for community care, and even trained schedulers to attempt to dissuade veterans from using community care when they requested it.¹

The Veterans' ACCESS Act would protect community care from these abuses and further expand veterans' treatment choices. The bill would make community care access standards permanent law, ending the VA's ability to undermine the current regulations through inaction or contradictory guidance. The bill would also require the VA to notify veterans of their community care eligibility and ensure that wait times are properly calculated from the date a veteran requests care to the date they receive treatment.

Finally, the legislation would rapidly connect veterans in distress to life-saving critical treatment. Under a pilot program, the bill would allow veterans to seek mental health or substance use treatment from VA or community care providers without VA pre-approval, as the VA currently offers for urgent care. The bill would also streamline referrals so that veterans seeking in-patient mental health care can be seen in a matter of days.

This legislation would help millions, cementing President Trump's legacy as a champion for veterans' health care. For these reasons, **we urge you to bring H.R.740/S.275, the Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025, to the floor for a vote.**

Sincerely,

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¹ "Records Confirm VA's Use of Inaccurate Wait Time Numbers," Americans for Prosperity Foundation, October 1, 2021. <https://americansforprosperity.org/blog/records-confirm-va-inaccurate-wait-time-numbers/>; "More Evidence the VA is Improperly Delaying or Denying Community Care to Eligible Veterans," AFPP, January 28, 2022. <https://americansforprosperity.org/blog/va-denying-delaying-care/>.