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Members of the United States Congress
U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: VA Healthcare During a Government Shutdown

Dear Members of Congress:

Good morning. Today, you and your colleagues are faced with the difficult decision of whether to pass a Continuing Resolution, or to shut down the government. I am not writing to weigh in on the merits of the debate surrounding this current potential government shutdown. However, I am writing on behalf of thousands of disabled veterans who cannot write you themselves to urge you to introduce legislation keeping the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) operational should a shutdown become inevitable.

Disabled veterans have sacrificed more for this Nation than any other demographic. Our veterans have selflessly served and asked very little in return. Many of you have served and understand the sacrifices veterans have made for our country. Thousands of us depend on VHA healthcare for survival. Failing to provide health care for disabled veterans during the government shutdown will likely cause some veterans to die when they miss required appointments, fail to receive prescription medications, and are unable to receive life-saving surgeries and treatment.

There is ample precedent for you to introduce legislation that would keep VHA services operational during a shutdown. During past government shutdowns, Congress has passed legislation to continue paying military troops. It is widely reported that this would occur during the current government shutdown. Caring for our veterans during this moment of national crisis would require little more than adding a provision to that legislation.

Our disabled veterans have cared for this country, and we have a moral obligation to care for them. Veterans are not political pawns, and bipartisan support for this issue is of the utmost importance. Veterans' lives are at stake.

Sincerely,

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