



December 11, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and its Auxiliary, I am proud to offer our support for H.R. 7105, *Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020*, which would improve numerous benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Many VFW resolutions and priority goals regarding economic opportunity, disability and burial benefits, and health care are embodied in H.R. 7105. To cite a few examples, this legislation would eliminate the 12-year limitation on eligibility for Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) and improve services for homeless veterans. It would change the statutory definition of Vietnam veteran to include individuals who served in the Republic of Vietnam from November 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961 and modernize the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) program. Furthermore, this legislation would improve critical care and access at VA health facilities for female veterans.

The VFW looks forward to working with you and your staff to ensure the passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your continued support of America's veterans.

Sincerely,

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