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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Chairman
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20510

Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Blumenthal,

On behalf of The American Legion — the nation's largest veterans service organization — I respectfully urge the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs to give timely consideration to the Administration's nominees for leadership positions within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The American Legion respects the Senate's constitutional advice and consent role to thoroughly evaluate each nominee on their merit and does not advocate for the confirmation or rejection of any specific individual. We simply ask that the Committee give each nominee an opportunity to proceed with hearings and deliberations to ensure important leadership roles at VA are filled as quickly as possible.

A strong VA Central Office, fully staffed with constitutionally appointed officers, is essential to fulfill the promises made to our nation's veterans. Prolonged vacancies can hinder the delivery of healthcare, benefits, and other services that veterans and their families rely on. Having leaders in their position at VA facilitates accountability and oversight of the timely delivery of healthcare and benefits to our nation's veterans and helps maintain the strength and effectiveness of the department's mission.

We deeply appreciate the Committee's ongoing bipartisan efforts on behalf of America's veterans. Thank you for your continued leadership and attention to this matter.

For God and Country,

James A. LaCoursiere
National Commander