

MEMORANDUM

**TO: PETE HEGSETH
CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA**

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RE: VETERANS WANT REFORM AND CHOICE (RELEASE #1)

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The Tarrance Group is pleased to present the following findings from our recently completed survey of veterans across the nation. The Tarrance Group was commissioned by Concerned Veterans for America (CV4A) to conduct a national survey of 1,000 veterans. Half of the respondents (n=500) completed the interview by telephone and half (n=500) completed the interview on-line. The sample was drawn to correctly represent rank, branch of service, age and gender. A random sample of this type is likely to yield a margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$ in 95 out of 100 cases were it possible to interview every veteran, active duty military and guard/reservist nationwide. Responses to the survey were gathered November 11-20, 2014.

This is the initial release of findings from a survey of veterans that will be shared fully during an upcoming Concerned Veterans for America summit meeting scheduled for February 26th. As the data included here reveals, veterans themselves are universally aware of the problems at the Veterans Administration (VA) and universally favor reforming the system. They are also very interested (88%) in increasing health care choices for veterans. Veterans today are very much of one voice when it comes to their health care.

Our conclusions are based, in part, on the following findings from this survey of veterans across the nation:

- Eighty-nine percent (89%) of veterans have seen, read or heard about problems at the Department of Veterans Affairs (Q4).
- Ninety percent (90%) of all veterans favor efforts to reform veteran health care in this country (Q5). Most importantly, 72% of veterans “strongly” favor reform efforts. This intensity is even stronger among those who have served for 20 years or more.

- Eighty-eight percent (88%) of veterans say that it is either “extremely” or “very” important to increase health care choices or options for veterans (Q7). Both the “choices” and “options” language was offered and the results were identical.

And –

- Ninety-five percent (95%) of veterans feel it is either “extremely” or “very” important to ensure veterans get the best possible care, even if that means getting that care outside of a VA facility.

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