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November 29, 2017

The Honorable Senator John McCain
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

On behalf of Concerned Veterans for America's (CVA) activists across the country, I would like to offer CVA's strong support for the *Veterans Community Care and Access Act of 2017* which would be a step forward in offering veterans more health options at the VA and would provide much needed reform to the Department of Veteran Affairs's (VA) medical system.

In 2014, reports of hundreds of veterans dying while waiting for care at VA hospitals shocked the nation. Despite tens of billions of dollars in budget increases for the VA over the past three years, there are still far too many veterans waiting long periods of time for critical appointments and still too frequent reports of veterans suffering as the result of substandard care at the VA. The *Veterans Community Care and Access Act of 2017* would change that by reforming how the VA delivers health care to our veterans. The legislation would give veterans more options in their healthcare and change how it is delivered. Additionally, the legislation creates a plan to combine multiple outside care programs at the VA that will reduce bureaucracy and streamline reimbursements to community providers. We feel these reforms will help ensure that veterans receive the care they have earned in a more timely and convenient manner.

Concerned Veterans for America strongly supports this legislation and we thank you for leading on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Caldwell
Executive Director
Concerned Veterans for America