

# VFW Urges Passage of Burr Amendment

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*Comrades:*

*I just sent the following message to the entire United States Senate. I am now requesting that you and your family and friends immediately contact your two U.S. Senators and urge their support of the Burr Amendment. For Senate contact information, go to <http://capwiz.com/vfw/dbq/officials/>. I thank you in advance.*

*Thomas J. Tradewell Sr.  
Commander-in-Chief*

**WASHINGTON** — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is urging the U.S. Senate to pass an amendment introduced today by Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) to specifically recognize all healthcare programs provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs as meeting the minimum essential coverage standards of the new national healthcare law.

"Words are important, and since the original healthcare bill neglected to include all DOD and VA healthcare, it is vitally important that this amendment get passed and inserted into H.R. 4872, the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010," said VFW National Commander Thomas J. Tradewell Sr., a combat-wounded Vietnam veteran from Sussex, Wis.

"The VFW remains adamant to expeditiously fixing the new law," he said. "All of DOD's programs should have been in the original bill, as well as all of Title 38, not just part of one chapter. This isn't playing politics; this is protecting the hard earned healthcare coverage our veterans, servicemembers and their families deserve.

"The VFW urges you to vote 'yes' for the Burr Amendment."

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