

# Veterans Leaders See Rejection of Bill as Opportunity

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*Joint Statement from AMVETS, DAV (Disabled American Veterans), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)*

As organizations representing the interests of America's 21 million veterans, we are pleased that the House listened to the voices of those who served and rejected S. 114, flawed Choice funding extension legislation that had little chance of being approved by the Senate.

With tonight's vote result, there is now a new opening for the House and Senate to work together in a bipartisan, bicameral manner to rapidly reach agreement to continue funding the Choice program uninterrupted in the short term – without forcing veterans themselves to pay for it – while also making long overdue and urgent investments in VA health care capacity for the long term.

We thank all those members who voted to reject this unacceptable legislation and call on them and all members of the House and Senate to work together, and with us, to quickly find a reasonable solution that we can all support, just as they are doing to make #ForeverGIBill a reality.

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