

# White House Withdraws Controversial Proposal

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**WASHINGTON** — The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is thanking the president for withdrawing a controversial proposal that would have billed veterans with private health insurance for the care they receive for their service-connected disabilities and wounds.

"President Obama said in a meeting Monday that he would listen to the veterans' community if they objected to this proposal," said Glen M. Gardner Jr., a Vietnam veteran from Round Rock, Texas.

"The president kept to his word and made the right decision. Now we can move forward and work with his administration and Congress to ensure that the rest of the Department of Veterans Affairs budget recommendation is signed into law."

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