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## Support S. 1963

### VETERAN CAREGIVER BILL – On House Floor Wednesday

Dear Colleague:

S. 1963 demands your immediate attention. This bill keeps the promises made to our troops, wounded warriors, and veterans. It is simply our duty as a Nation, when we put our men and women in harm's way, to care for them when they return.

Four years ago, the Democratic Congress inherited a neglected veterans' health care budget. Since then, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs has held countless hearings to determine the needs of veterans and their families, and worked to increase the health care budget by 55%. S. 1963 goes a long way to ensure that resources are directed to address these needs and share the sacrifice borne by our veterans.

- S. 1963 provides **immediate support** for veteran **caregivers**.
- S. 1963 improves health **care access for women** veterans.
- S. 1963 improves **rural health care delivery**.
- S. 1963 increases access to **mental health support** for service members and veterans.

It is time to change the way we care for veterans by providing better support and training for those that care for them. The sacrifice of our veterans is shared among us all as Americans. S. 1963 represents compassion for those who served our country, and support for those who now serve them.

We listened to veterans. We listened to their families. With your help, we have talked directly with veterans from across the country and learned of their needs and struggles. Members of the House and Senate Committees have negotiated bill language to confront the underlying issues and address the immediate and long-term needs of veterans. The Senate passed S. 1963 with a 98-0 vote and is expected to pass this amended version.

**Support S. 1963. Keep the promises made to our Nation's heroes.**

Sincerely,



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